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# BRIEF

# HISTORICAL SKETCHES

OF

# EIGHT GENERATIONS

DESCENDANTS

OF

## ULRICH WELTY

Born 1728

Three Main Branches of this Family are:

NICKLAUS WELTY, Born 1750

ULRICH WELTY, Born 1753

JACOB WELTY, Born 1755

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*"One generation passeth away, and another cometh: but the earth abideth forever."—Eccl. 1:4.*

*"My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle."—Job 7:6.*

*"Think of your ancestors and your posterity."—Tacitus.*

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# A WORTHY WORD OF APPRECIATION

Allow the Historian to make mention that Prof. S. H. Welty of Goshen, Ind., had the work of "Engraving" done for this history, in which he has succeeded well. The quality of the work is first class. He has made the charge of each cut very reasonable, at least one-third less than is the ordinary charge, which usually range, of cuts of these sizes, from $3.00 to $5.00. The reprinting of the photographs, as you will see, is very good. His laborious work deserves special recognition, which he did with persistency, occupying much of his time. His work was gratuitous, only actual outlay of money is granted him.

He has all the negatives for all the pictures, and if any one wants pictures of any of the people whose pictures appear in the history, can get them made through him at reasonable prices. Dear relative, by request of the relatives at the last Welty Reunion (1926) it was decided that the Historian should prepare a "Family Tree" or a cut from which to print and insert trees into the history. This was a great task that required great care to design it and make it with pen and ink. This, too, is gratis work. This insert into the book entailed additional cost not originally figured in, into the price of the book, therefore: Inasmuch as not enough books have been sold to pay in full for the printing of the Welty History, and in order to help meet the additional expense of the tree, we, therefore, suggest that an additional 50c be paid to Treasurer Ralph W. Sutter, Pandora, Ohio. He, too, is worthy of a word of appreciation for the work he did with patience and forebearance, in the interest of publishing this history.

Order all books and trees of this Welty Relation through Prof. S. H. Welty, 422 South 10th St., Goshen, Ind., who is made custodian of these books and trees.

S. H. Baumgartner, Historian.

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# FOREWORD

As you read over the following pages concerning the relationship of the Welty Family including eight generations, your minds will revert to the times and conditions as they were two hundred years ago. If we could read the struggles and trials of our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, back to the beginning of the early life of our ancestral father, Ulrich Welty, what a varied story of joy, sorrow, victory and failure we would have! If we could have these relatives of past generations stand before us and tell in their own words the experiences that they had, tell of the difficulties and inconveniences with which they had to contend—what a wonderful revelation it would be to us who at times became impatient, although we have all modern conveniences!

Many of these facts we shall never know because much of the information cannot be found. It is lost to us forever. However, as we read along we shall notice certain traits of human nature that are prominent in the relationship as a whole. We shall notice the traits of honesty, perserverance, service, sympathy, appreciation, benevolence and the like. We shall notice that they are blest with the missionary spirit in any activity in which they may be engaged. How many are today engaged in missionary work?

Do you know the compiler and editor of this: "The Welty History"? Look into his honest face? Do you detect any of the attributes mentioned above? Devotion, perseverance, unselfish service. It is not more than just that mention should be made in this connection to the work of Rev. S. H. Baumgartner in compiling the Welty History.

For four years he has given a large amount of time to corresponding with relatives and securing reliable information. Manuscripts were sent to the relatives asking for corrections after the first drafts were made. Frequently late information made it necessary to re-write a whole article. But faithful and determined to the very last to make the book the very best possible, he eagerly continued his endeavors. In arranging for the printing, he used his time without incurring any expense so as to get the best work at the least cost. Then again, the family tree of six generations which is such a valuable aid in tracing relationship, is the work of an artist with pen and ink. Not until he had made five trees did he secure what he wished to present for a cut to be used by the printers. However, for this piece of art he is asking no remmneration. For the hundreds of hours of strenuous work given to the compiling of the history, he is receiving but a nominal sum. Had he received full pay for his work, he would have received more than the publishers are receiving for the printing. I am sure the compiler has the most heart-felt appreciation of all the relatives for the good work he has done.

Fraternally,

S. H. Welty.

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For convenience to locate yourselves in the Family History, the history is divided into three parts called Book I, II, III. Each book is subdivided into Sections I, II, III, etc., and Sections are divided into Chapters I, II, III, etc. And Chapters are itemized with capital letters, A, B, C, etc.; and under these items you find the sixth generation indicated by the Roman figures, thus, I, II, III, and the seventh generation by Arabic numerals, thus, 1, 2, 3, and the eighth generation by small letters in the English alphabet, thus, a, b, c.

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# INTRODUCTION TO THE WELTY HISTORY

The compiler of this history wishes to preface the herein written up annals with the following statement. This very interesting bit of history commences with one Ulrich Welty, in the Swiss vernacular "Wälti Uli". It covers a period of almost two hundred years, and deals with eight generations. A record has been found in the hands of a Mrs. N. G. Faukhauser that definitely reveals the fact that this man, whom we make the ancestor of this family, was born in 1728 in Switzerland. The name Wälti is found in the Swiss annals as far back as 1537 A. D. At this time there lived a man by name Bernhart Wälti in Ruderswyl, Oberamt Signau, at Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. The American Encyclopedia states that Langnau is located 15 miles east of the city of Bern, in the Emmenthal on the Ilfis river, a branch of the Emmen river. It is a city of about 15,000 population, it is the principal market of the cheese industry and linen thread. This may account for so many of the old mothers in the relation having been good cheese makers, and quite expert at spinning and weaving.

Bernhart Wälti was a member of the "Täufer", sometimes called in derision "Wiedertäufer", but later known as the Mennonite Church, which was founded in the 16th century, by one Menno Simon. This Church was originally a branch of the Anabaptist denomination. Menno Simon was born at Witmarsum, in Friesland in 1496. He took the order of priest in 1524 in the Catholic Church, and officiated for some years as a priest, first in the village of Pinjum, and later in his native place. The study of the New Testament, about 1530, excited great doubt within himself regarding the doctrines and the constitution of the Roman Catholic Church from which he then withdrew in 1536. He then attached himself to the Anabaptists, was re-baptized at Leenwarden, and was appointed as a teacher and as Bishop of Gröningen. Henceforth he earnestly endeavored to organize and unite the scattered members of the Anabaptists in Holland and in Germany.

His residence was at Friesland until persecution (presumably by the Roman Church, and probably by some Protestant denominations), compelled him to flee to Wismar. Later he located at Oldeslohe in Holstein, where he found protection and encouragement, and was allowed to establish a printing press for the diffusion of his religious opinions. Here he died in 1560. He wrote a book on doctrines called "Fundamentbuch von dem rechten christlichen Glauben", which was published in 1539. The Mennonite Church from the beginning believed in a personal reign of

Christ on earth during the millennium, and of the unlawfulness of oaths, and of wars, and were even not to resist violence and wrongs done to them personally. They did not believe in lawsuits, nor allowed its members to become civil magistrates. They were to live true moral lives and be prudent and devout Christians. In civil life they did not make themselves odious. (This information is culled from the International Cyclopedia—Compiler.) These facts are here stated to show that the Welty relation sprung from a very religious and well-bred civil people.

Bernhart Welty (as we will now use the family name), appears to have been a prominent leader in the early Mennonite Church, and in consequence of their persecutions, he had to suffer a martyr's death for his faith. He was a contemporary with Menno Simon. The home of the Welty ancestors in the 17th century was in the region of the Jura Mountains, which was then the domain of the Bishop of Basel who invited the persecuted people, as they were sturdy farmers and good tillers of the farms of his domain. This place was the little Bergthal Tscheiwo, near Court, Oberamt Münster. It was reported that none of this family name now live here. They practically all moved to America. This fragment of history was written by Ulrich Welty in 1874, a son of Peter Welty, and grandson of Ulrich Welty, born in 1753, who was a son of the ancestor of this Welty family. Other Welty families exist in the United States in various places. The Swiss Republic had a president for a number of years whose name was Emil Welti. He is not connected with our family, but no doubt we are all descendants of Bernhart Wälti.

Ulrich Welty was a Mennonite. He was generally known as "der alte Uli" to discriminate him from his son Ulrich. He had three sons, namely Nicklaus, Ulrich and Jacob. It seems so far as could be ascertained that he had no other children. The Welty family in Switzerland lived in rural districts and as stated were tillers of the ground, living a simple peasant life and obscure in society life. They were an industrious and frugal class of people, modest in their home life, which is a dominant characteristic of this family to the present time.

Another significant fact that speaks favorably for this large Welty family is this: It produced, by the grace and favors of God, many successful and first-class farmers, merchants, salesmen, public school teachers and professors in high schools, colleges and universities, eminent doctors, ministers of the Word of Truth and Life, musicians of some note, missionaries in home and foreign lands, mechanics of many varieties, as carpenters, masons, plasterers, electricians, printers, and newspaper publishers, book-

binders, etc. And besides these we must not overlook the fact that a large per cent. of the women folks have brought great credit to themselves as housekeepers and happy home makers, yea, house-queens who have managed and steered successfully Christian homes with true loyalty and devotion, lifting up the banner of a true religious life, according to the tenets they embraced in their homes.

The great majority, probably all of 95 per cent. of this great family, have been and are now identified with some religious organization, in which they have been, and are now more or less actively engaged in the Lord's vineyard. Some have been filling prominent positions in their respective local churches, and some have served the Church at large in the interest of institutions of learning. True it is to be greatly regretted that not all are in the Lord's service. They should be in some religious organization. But on the whole this great family has great reasons to be devoutly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the general religious tone and attitude its members have always taken on all vital and moral questions for the betterment of mankind, and for upholding the principles of religious and civic righteousness, and on the purity of social life and the sanctity of the home. In time of peace and in time of war this family has stood foursquare for the purity and wholesomeness of the nations under whose flag they sojourned. May it so continue down through the ages to come. We know of none that were, by due process of law, found to be criminals, in 200 years in the eight generations herein mentioned. Certainly we do not unduly boast of this, or claim perfection. We have come short in many things, and in many ways towards God and man. And we humbly bow in shame and beg for forgiveness wherein we have erred and have failed slightly or grievously.

# A PROSE REVERIE OF THE OLD HOMESTEAD

By S. H. B.

Memory, bring us back to the old homestead,
The place of our birth and our childhood days;
To the home where parents us fondly embraced,
And sang us to sleep with lullaby lays;
Where at morn they us led to the altar of prayer,
And some words from God's Holy Book to us read,
Ere we gathered 'round the breakfast board,
Where His blessings on the food was invoked,
Ere we ate of the fruit of the earth

Bring us back to the old homstead,
Where as children we oft over meadows roamed,
And in orchards and timber trotted about,
And where brooklets in ripples were dancing in foam.
To the woods where the owls hooted hoo-hoo-hoo,
To the trees where squirrels 'midst leafy boughs
Played and chattered 'round their homes made of leaves.
To the trees where wood-pigeons sweetly cooed their coo-coo,
And where pheasants beat their wings like a drum,
And where insects were singing their hum sum sum.
To the woods where wood-peckers pecked doors to their homes,
And the orioles and the bluebirds added their lays,
And the bats flew about catching moths and the gnats.
To the ponds where the frogs in full chorus croaked,
Entertaining us lustily way into the night.
To the deep open wells, with cobble-stoned walls,
Where the iron-bound bucket hung in the well
Lifting cooling quaffs with long roped windlass
To quench burning thirsts of men, fowls and beasts.

Bring us out to the gardens at the old homestead,
In the ending spring days and summer months, too;
Where varieties of flowers in gay colors bloomed,
Alluring the maidens in rose-colored cheeks:

Where humming birds flitted hither and thither,
Sweet nectar to sip with their long slender bills;
Where honeybees gathered to harvest fresh honey
Storing it up in their hives for tomorrow.
What blest reveries of mother's dear garden.

Again bring us back to the old homestead,
The place where the children were taught how to work,
Where records of toil they successfully made
With hands quite untried, that work did not shirk.
To the fields of hard toil, from morn' until night,
Attired in garments, homespun and homemade,
Where their strength was applied to its fullest extent
And thus did their best to secure a good yield
Of potatoes and corn and grain in the field.

Oh, bring us anew to the old homestead,
To the fields where the meadow-larks lustily sang,
And the crickets and grasshoppers together dwelt,
And the June-bugs with searchlights flashed forth streaks of light.
To the fields where strong men mowed haygrass into swaths,
And the laddies and lassies it scattered with forks,
To be cured into hay by the Sun's burning rays;
Then was raked into swaths, and heaped into heaps,
To be tossed by strong pitchers upon the hayracks,
Perspiring profusely while busy at work.

Yea, again take us back to the old homestead,
To the ripened grainfields of rye, wheat and oats;
Where brave men, with strong arms, swung the cradle all day,
Cutting field after field, in the sweat of their brows,
While the weaker folks tied the cut grain into sheaves,
And then shocked them, for cure, twelve sheaves to the shock,
Ere the sheaves were hauled into barns, or stacked into stacks,
Awaiting the time to be flailed, tramped or thrashed,
And the grains, at the mill, were ground into flour,
Which in turn was well baked into loaves of good bread,
In mother's homemade and dome-shaped brick ovens.

Pioneers, let your mem'ry take you back to your home,
To yon timber where thousands of rails you have split,
With wood-mauls, and iron wedge, striking blow after blow,
With the sound of each blow going forth in loud peals,
Reverberating fantastically through dells and o'er hills,
Like deep thunders of field artilleries in action.
To the fields where rail-fences were built and repaired
To confine the farmstock to select pasture fields;
Or go back to the clearings where trees fell with a crash,
By the strokes of sharp axes in cutters' strong hands;
Where logheaps were rolled up to be burned into ashes,
Or the burning of scores of dried brush piles took place,
Sent the curling smoke upwards in curious styles,
As the fire-tongued flames whipped madly the air.
Or to fields full of stumps, some small and some large,
Breaking ground and the roots with the old-fashioned plows,
Where long roots broke in two and quickly flew back
With a whack o'er the plowman's tender shinbones,
Causing pains and provoking an audible groan.
O Reverie! How well we remember those days.

Blest memory, take us back to the old Paradise,
To green fields where the horses gratefully browsed,
When the toils of a day had ended again;
To the fields where milk cows contentedly grazed,
With brass bells hanging on their sleek necks,
Clanging merrily as they grazed day and night;
And where sheep and the swine meandered about,
Growing wool for our clothes and meat for our food.

Bring us back yet again to the place of our birth,
Where the drudg'ry of housework seemed never to end;
Where our mothers skimmed cream, with white deftly hands,
And made it into cheese with vigilant hands;
Or the lassies did churn it into fresh, sweet butter.
To the distaffs that merrily hummed all day long,
Spinning wool and flax tow into threads, onto spools,
To be woven to cloth, for clothes good and strong.
And where mending and knitting, too, shared in the toils

By the mothers and maidens of every true home.
And where men in the long, long evening hours,
Told the tales and the news of goneby days,
Entertaining the children ere retiring to bed.
Some men cobbled on shoes, hammered soleleather soft,
Or repaired harnesses for the next day's toil,
Or made scrubbing brooms out of young hickory trees,
Or shelled corn to be ground into meal,
From which mothers made mush, johnnycakes, or cornbred,
As good mothers today have not yet learned to make.

Bring us back to the old weather-beaten schoolhouse.
The Mecca of learning, for girls and for boys;
Where they gathered to learn the alphabet's letters,
Learned to spell and to read, write, and work problems,
Thus equipping themselves for life's manifold toils.
Learned to sing songs and tunes, with pause here and rest there,
And for melody tests sang rounds in a race,
Just for fun, chase each other to confusion and laughter.
It was here where our blood got some pep and red fire,
That did oft our lives with great aims inspire.
To the schoolhouse where teacher applied hickory rods
To the backs of dull boys, that they the better might grasp
The purpose of schools and curriculums in vogue;
In evidence, too, was the cone-shaped dunce-cap
With which ill-behaved, idle lads, were oft crowned,
To be shamed for poor lessons and evil conduct.
But instead of instilling ambitions to study,
The cap brought more trouble to pupils and teacher.
Yes, memory, we well do remember these days.

In conclusion, take us back to the days long ago,
When with parents we worshipped on Lord's morn,
In the church on the hill, in dale, forest or town,
Made of logs, or of bricks, or homedressed lumber;
In the towers of which hung silver-toned bells,
Pealing forth most melodiously a welcome to all,
For the worship of God, befitting His love to mankind.
Here we heard the Reverend expounding the Word,

The Gospel of Peace and Good Will to all men;
Where we found a return to a merciful Father,
For pardon of sins, adoption to childhood,
Thus making us heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.
Yea, memory, how refreshing these memories are
While mentally we linger at the church of yore.

# A REMEMBRANCE OF PIONEER LIFE

The life of the pioneer mothers in the Welty relation was that of all early pioneer women. Such activities as were theirs are really inconceivable to the present generation. Such a life must be experienced to get a vivid conception of it. For example: Spring brought house-cleaning, including white-washing of walls and ceilings; milking and skimming milk, making butter and cheese; raising poultry, doing gardening, planting and hoeing potatoes, corn, beans, cucumbers, melons, pumpkins and flowers; doing the cooking, baking, washing, ironing, scrubbing floors, sewing, mending, knitting, darning, spinning and weaving almost the year around.

When summer arrived, women generally aided the men in making hay, harvesting grain crops, carrying lunches to working men in the fields between regular meals, drying all sorts of fruit before canning was in vogue, making apple and pumpkin butter, cooking for thrashers one and two days, or for log-rollers or similar working groups, half a dozen times a year. At fall time, help cut corn and husk it, dig potatoes, cook molasses, make sauerkraut and scores of other things besides the ordinary housework.

To summer and fall work belonged flax pulling, by hand, tying it into bundlets, stacking it into shocks to dry out, helping men to strip off the heads in large wooden combs, then spreading this stripped flax onto grassy plats in rows, so the dew and rain could loosen the useful fibres for thread, then gathering it again and drying it over drying kilns with low fires in them to real brittleness, so it could be broken readily by homemade flax-breaking machines, thus freeing the thread fibres. This process produced an indescribable clatter, mingled with loud chattering of operators, causing a veritable babble of inharmonious, yet a sort of delightful music, when re-echoed from nearby timbers or hills. In all this mothers aided, directed and inspected the work. Then came the task of pulling this secured flax-tow, by handfuls, through upright coarse, and fine wire-toothed brushes, "hackles", to free it from every bit of woody substance. This transaction caused the wire-teeth to vibrate audibly like a choir master's tuning fork. The spinning of the flaxtow into thread came next. Nimble fingers were needed to pick the tiny fibres from the vertical distaff to be twisted into thread on a swiftly rotating spool. The spooled thread then had to be skeined, and rewound upon larger spools to a certain length, and combined untwisted into a large revolving device, and finally wound upon the warp-beam of the loom. Then the ends of all these threads, sometimes thousands of them, had to be tied to corresponding threads on the front web-

holder. Every thread had to pass through a small loop, of two or more healds, before they could be tied to corresponding threads. This was a tedious job. Not one thread dared to be left untied to the corresponding thread. Then by means of two treadles, operated by the feet, connected with the healds, the lower and upper warp-threads opened up in "V" shape, alternating up and down, interlocking the transverse threads of wool or linen, from spools in shuttles, propelled hither and thither by a hand device, and then with the batten drove tightly up to the web, or woven cloth. Then came the making of garments, sheets, sacks, etc., by hand. (Sewing machines were not yet in use.) Equally great was the process of getting and preparing the wool for woolen goods, stockings, socks and mittens.

Surely these were days of hard work. There seemed to be no end. There was little time for reading, visiting, and to enjoy social activities. All this work demanded energy, time stick-to-it-iveness, from dawn of day to many midnight hours, almost a daily occurrence, besides caring for six to twelve children, keeping them growing healthy and useful. Evenings, after husband's toils were ended for the day, they would read to the family, if they could, or tell tales, or the happenings of goneby days, or amuse children with plays, or do shoe cobbling, hammer sole-leather, mend harness, make scrubbing brooms out of young hickory sapplings, or shell corn for cornmeal, etc. But with all this superabundance of work the house-mistresses were happy and were humming songs in contentment. They were a congenial set of wives, satisfied with their lot, healthier than the present generation that live in palatial and modern homes. Divorces in those days seldom ever occurred. They had no time for contentions with their husbands.

# The Ancestor of the Welty Family

## ULRICH WELTY (Uli Wälti), 1728— FIRST GENERATION

Ulrich Welty, in the Swiss vernacular, "Wälti Uli", began his journey of life, according to documents in the hands of Mrs. N. G. Fankhauser, Dalton, Ohio, in 1728, in Switzerland. The exact location of his birth has not been found, but from a letter received from Uncle Frederick Welty, of Bluffton, Ohio, in 1903, who had made a visit to his native land in 1896, he states that Nicklaus Welty was born in Lanenberg, Canton Basel. So this must have been the place where Ulrich at least lived in 1750. This place was about 30 miles north of the city of Bern. No record has been found to show to whom Ulrich was married. But beyond a doubt they were tillers of the ground as was characteristic of this family for nearly two hundred years. They gave the Welty family a sturdy nature, an element of long life as it has appeared in the lives of many of their descendants, and an industrious spirit, ambition and frugality, and a strong religious disposition. To this union were born three sons as follows: Nicklaus, Ulrich and Jacob. These sons constitute the three main branches of the Welty Family Tree and history that is compiled and written up in this volume, in three books, namely:

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# BOOK I.

## NICKLAUS WELTY, SECOND GENERATION, 1750—

Nicklaus, oldest son of Ulrich Welty, began his earthly career in Lauenberg, Canton Basel, Switzerland, in 1750, month and day unknown. His birthplace was about 30 miles north of the city of Bern. His mother's maiden name could not be found. He was united in marriage with Christina Gerber about 1783. She was a daughter of Bishop Gerber of the Mennonite Church in Canton Bern, Switzerland, where he suffered severe persecution due to his religious faith and practice, for which he earnestly contended with loyalty and firmness. To what extent Nicklaus and his wife suffered persecution is not known. But it is quite evident that they were devout defenders of the Mennonite tenets, and reared their family in this faith. It is to be regretted that all of the historical documents that were brought over to America, and were last in the possession of his grandson John Welty near Bluffton, Ohio, were consumed by fire when his house burned down. He was in possession of an old traveling trunk of his father John, which contained the old documents such as the certificates of admission to the Lord's Supper, emigration papers, and other valuable documents, besides a copy of the "Fröschauer Bible". And everything that Frederick Welty, near Bluffton, had of this nature, was also consumed by fire when his house burned to ashes, in 1902. This is evidence that a family history should be preserved in a way that they are sure of permanency and for future reference. Hence the conclusion at the Welty Reunion at Bluffton, Ohio, in 1924, and 1925 to compile a Welty Family History in book form.

To this union were born in Lauenberg, Canton Basel, Switzerland, four children:

### Third Generation

Anna Welty—Sept. 4, 1784, who married Peter Geiger.

John Welty————, 1787, who married Christina Gerber.

Peter Welty————, 1790. He never married.

Barbara Welty————, 1796, who married John Geiger.

The history of these families is taken up in the order of their birth.—Compiler.

## SECTION I.

### Anna Welty Geiger, Third Generation, 1784-1854.

Anna was born September 4, 1784. She was the oldest child. She had an ordinary education as could then be obtained by peasant folks. By baptism she was received into the Mennonite Church in Switzerland. She entered holy wedlock with Peter Geiger of Lauperswyl, Canton Bern, Switzerland, about 1815. He was born about 1872. He died March 7, 1852, and she January 20, 1854. They lived a simple peasant life, and remained devoted to their church to the end. They immigrated to the United States of America soon after 1831. Their children were all born in Switzerland, namely:

### CHAPTER I.

### John Geiger, Fourth Generation, 1816-58.

John was born October 20, 1816, in Switzerland, where he received schooling of a meager sort owing to a peasant life. By the rite of baptism he became a member of the Mennonite Church in Switzerland when a young man. He came to America with his parents when a youth, and settled in Putnam Co., Ohio. He was married to Elsie Lugenbill, March 3, 1839. He died September 8, 1858. She was born February 1, 1811, and died February 16, 1887. To them were born:

#### A—Anna Geiger, Thut, Fifth Generation, 1841-94.

Anna was born February 13, 1841, in Ohio. Her schooling was meager. She entered married life with John Thut, March 21, 1862. He was born April 8, 1836, in Holmes Co., Ohio. They were both baptized and by this rite became members of the Mennonite Church. She departed this life September 2, 1894, and he in 1908. They resided in Allen Co., Ohio, where their children were born, namely:

##### I—Sarah Thut, Gratz, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio, Farmers.

Sarah was born in Allen Co., Ohio, in 1869. She was baptized and joined the Swiss Mennonite Church in 1887. She was married to Lanis Gratz in 1892. He was born in 1862. He is a farmer. All their children were born near Bluffton, Allen Co., Ohio, and graduated from high school. They were born:

##### 1—Walter H. Gratz, Seventh Generation, Bluffton, Ohio, Clothier.

Walter H. was born in 1892. No mention made as to church relation.

He was married to Florence Locher October 1, 1918. He is a clothing merchant. To them were born:

a—Justin L., July 31, 1919. Eighth generation.

b—Delbert Leroy, March 26, 1920. Eighth generation.

II—Amos Thut, Sixth Generation, Hay Dealer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Amos was born December 6, 1870. He was baptized and united with the First Mennonite Church in 1891. He was married to Susanna Augsburger, November 16, 1893. She was born February 16, 1874, in Allen Co., Ohio. She was baptized and joined the same church he did in 1890. He is a hay dealer. To them were born in Allen Co., Ohio:

1—Hallie Vera Thut, Seventh Generation.

Hallie V. was born in 1894. She has a common school education. She was married to Hiram Althaus. Nothing further said about them.

2—Myron M. Thut, Seventh Generation.

Myron M. was born in 1896. He has a graded school education. He married Pearl Browning. Nothing more said about them.

Seventh Generation

3—Raymond R., born in 1898.

4—Sylvia Wanda, born in 1899.

5—Herbert Ivan, born in 1902.

6—Dean LaVerne, born in 1905.

B—Lizzie Geiger, Burkholder, Fifth Generation, Farmer, 1843-1923.

Lizzie was born in Ohio, November 16, 1843. She received a meager education. She was married to Christian Burkholder, April 23, 1864, in Allen Co., Ohio. He was born August 12, 1841, in Wayne Co., Ohio. He farmed. They were by baptism initiated into the Mennonite Church, in Allen Co., where they resided. She died July 21, 1923, and he followed her two days later. There were born to them near Bluffton, Ohio:

I—David H. Burkholder, Sixth Generation. Farmer.

David entered this life June 25, 1865. He had a common school education. He was united in marriage with Lydia Augsburger, December 6, 1888. She was born December 19, 1866, in Allen Co., Ohio, a daughter of John and Barbara (Neuenschwander) Augsburger. They both were baptized and admitted to membership in the Swiss Mennonite Church, where they were active and willing workers. For many years he was a trustee of the church, and a useful citizen. He adhered strictly to Christian principles in his dealings with his fellowmen. He passed away very suddenly of heart failure, January 19, 1926, while driving an automobile,

only a few miles from his home, two miles west of Bluffton, Ohio. Interment took place in the Ebenezer cemetery. To them were born on their farm:

**1—Cora May Burkholder, Grismore, Seventh Generation. Farmers, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Cora M. came into being June 30, 1889. She has a common school education. She was married to Allen Grover Grismore, November 18, 1915. He was born September 5, 1888. She was baptized, March 29, 1907, and he, April 17, 1908, and both belong to the Mennonite Church. He is a farmer. To them were born:

Eighth Generation

a—Geraldine, August 8, 1917. b—Dale D., October 1, 1923.

**2—Cyrus Lee Burkholder, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Beaverdam, Ohio.**

Cyrus D. was born September 7, 1891. He attended graded school. He was married to Estella Hilty, December 22, 1917, a daughter of Peter B. and Barbara (Moser) Hilty. She was born February 15, 1892, and baptized March 25, 1910, and he the same year, and both united thus with the Mennonite Church. They are farmers. To them were born:

Eighth Generation

a—Charles, January 3, 1920. Died the same day.

b—Martin Daryl, July 29, 1921. c—Kent Brian, July 19, 1925.

**3—Calvin Roy Burkholder, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Beaverdam, Ohio.**

Calvin R. was born January 24, 1893. He has a graded school education. He married Freda Marg. Freyman, December 15, 1923, a daughter of Andrew and Marg. Freyman, born June 22, 1896. He was baptized April 5, 1912, and she April 27, 1913; he in the Swiss Mennonite Church, and she in the St. John Reformed Church. To them is born:

a—Harriet Joyce, December 3, 1924, Eighth Generation, baptized in Reformed Church, October 4, 1925.

**4—Ella Myra Burkholder, Seventh Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Ella Myra was born March 23, 1895. She has a graded school education. She was initiated into the Mennonite Church by baptism April 5, 1912. She resides at home.

**5—Lavina Irene Burkholder, Seventh Generation, Nurse, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Lavina I. entered life's pathway November 8, 1897. She has a good

schooling. She was baptized and admitted into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church March 21, 1913. She is a nurse in Bluffton, Ohio.

6—Rhoda Edna Burkholder, Althaus, Seventh Generation, Farmers, Beaverdam, Ohio.

Rhoda E. came to this world October 22, 1900. She attended rural school. She was married to Wm. Althaus November 19, 1925. He is a son of John G. and Verena (Suter) Althaus, born July 14, 1898. He was baptized in 1913, and she April 2, 1915, and both were received into the Mennonite Church. They are farmers and reside at Beaverdam, Ohio.

7—Albert Augsburger Burkholder, Seventh Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Albert A. was born May 17, 1904 and an infant twin brother died on the day of birth. He has a rural school education, was baptized April 18, 1919, and admitted into the Mennonite Church. He is at home farming.

8—Hiram Dwight Burkholder, Seventh Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Hiram D. was born December 8, 1905. He has a graded school education. He was received as a member of the Mennonite Church by baptism April 18, 1920. He is yet at home farming.

II—Mary Ann Burkholder, Basinger, Sixth Generation, 1866-1906.

Mary A. was born in Allen Co., Ohio, July 24, 1866. She had a rural school education. She was married to Adam Basinger January 10, 1889. He was born May 3, 1865, in Putnam Co., Ohio. She departed this life August 7, 1906, and he October 10, 1909. They were members of the Mennonite Church. To them were born, first five in Alien Co., and the rest in Putnam Co., Ohio, viz:

1—Irving R. Basinger, Seventh Generation.

Irving R. was born October 17, 1889. He died May 19, 1903.

2—Arthur C. Basinger, Seventh Generation.

Arthur entered this life August 8, 1891. He passed away October 26, 1900.

3—Edna E. Basinger, Badertscher, Seventh Generation.

Edna E. came into being April 10, 1893. She was married to Albert Badertscher March 22, 1913. To them were born:

a—Esther, June 16, 1915, Eighth Generation.

b—Evan, June 30, 1917, Eighth Generation.

c—Edyth, September 14, 1918, Eighth Generation.

4—Alvin F. Basinger, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Alvin F. was born February 6, 1895. He married (person's name not given). To them were born at Pandora, Ohio:

Eighth Generation

a—Myra Jane, Sept. 17, 1915.
b—Naden A., Oct. 14, 1918.
c—Betty L., April 18, 1920.
d—Caris E., Dec. 10, 1921.

5—Byron L. Basinger, Seventh Generation, Pulaski, Iowa.

Byron L. was born November 28, 1897. He is married (person's name not given). To them was born at Ann Arbor, (state not given):

a—Harold Kenneth, July 15, 1924, Eighth Generation.

6—Norman S. Basinger, Seventh Generation, Vaughnsville, Ohio.

Norman was born July 13, 1900. He is married (name of person not given). To them was born at Vaughnsville, Ohio:

a—Noel Paul, April 10, 1925, Eighth Generation.

7—Zella K. Basinger, Seventh Generation, born August 16, 1902.

8—Orrin W. Basinger, Seventh Generation, born August 4, 1906.

III—Amos A. Burkholder, born Feb. 19, 1868, Sixth Generation.

IV—John B. Burkholder, born Dec. 13, 1869, Sixth Generation.

V—Sarah E. Burkholder, born Dec. 28, 1871, Sixth Generation.

VI—Jacob W. Burkholder, born Dec. 16, 1874, Sixth Generation. He joined the Swiss Mennonite Church by baptism in 1895. He is a farmer and is unmarried.

VII—Christian C. Burkholder, born May 1, 1876. Nothing more learned of him.

VIII—Louis A. Burkholder, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio, Farmer.

Louis A. was born at Columbus Grove, Ohio, February 25, 1878. He attended "Cook School". He was baptized and admitted to the Swiss Mennonite Church in 1902. He is a farmer. He was united in marriage with Naomi Spallinger, May 29, 1919. She was born July 25, 1890, and baptized April 14, 1911, and joined the church he did. To them were born in Putnam Co., Ohio:

1—Helen Annette, September 22, 1919, Seventh Generation.
2—Ruby Cleora, July 10, 1921, Seventh Generation.
3—Weldon Louis, September 22, 1923, Seventh Generation.

IX—Lavina Burkholder, Herr, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Lavina entered this life March 29, 1880. She was married to Daniel Herr March 19, 1904. He was baptized on Good Friday, 1899, and she the same day in 1901 and became members of the Swiss Mennonite Church. They have farmed for 21 years. To them were born in Allen County, Ohio:

Seventh Generation

1—Sidney Burkholder, July 12, 1905.
2—Roy Emmet, January 8, 1907.
3—Maurice Burley, August 6, 1908.
4—Clair Christian, Dec. 3, 1911.
5—Mabel Irene, Sept. 15, 1914.
6—Wm. Harrison, Oct. 5, 1918.

X—Clara Burkholder, Diller, Sixth Generation.

Clara was born August 25, 1882. Married Mr. Diller. No other information given.

XI—Monroe Burkholder, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, O., Farmer.

Monroe was born November 26, 1884 in Allen Co., Ohio. He married Elvina Amstutz, March 2, 1918, who was born January 25, 1893 at Pandora, Ohio. He is a farmer. He has a district schooling and was baptized and admitted into the Swiss Mennonite Church March 19, 1918. Born to them:

Seventh Generation

1—Herbert Adam, March 14, 1919.
2—Dorothy Jean, Oct. 22, 1922.
3—Laverne June, June 2, 1924.
4—Ralph Monroe, Sept. 11, 1925

XII—Elizabeth Burkholder, Basinger, Sixth Generation,

Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Elizabeth was born January 31, 1887. She married Oliver Basinger November 2, 1902. He was born March 21, 1888, in Putnam Co., Ohio. He is a farmer. She was baptized and admitted into the Swiss Mennonite Church in 1909. She has a rural school education. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Mathew, Aug. 7, 1914. Died Apr. 4, 1921.
2—Eugene, Jan. 8, 1916.
3—Beda, Jan. 24, 1920.
4—Forest, Mar. 28, 1923.

C—Katharina Geiger, Neiswander, Fifth Generation.

Katharina was born in Allen Co., Ohio, July 29, 1845. She was married to Isaac Neiswander. Time and place not given. They were farmers. They were baptized and became members of the New Mennonite Church,

in Allen Co. No other family information could be obtained except the names of their children and their addresses as follows:

I—Emma Neiswander, Reichenbach, Sixth Generation, Beaverdam, Ohio.

Emma was born in Allen Co., Ohio. Date not given. She was married to John Reichenbach.

II—Jacob Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Findlay, Ohio.

Jacob was born in Allen Co., Ohio. No other information.

III—Caroline Neiswander, Steiner, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, O.

Caroline was born in Allen Co., Ohio. Date not given. She married Albert Steiner January 31, 1909.

IV—Elias Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Findlay, Ohio.

Elias was born in Allen Co., Ohio. Nothing more learned of him.

V—David Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

David was born in Allen Co., Ohio. He was married to Rosa Miller, February 25, 1906. To them was born:

1—Blanch, August 5, 1908, Seventh Generation.

VI—Lizzie Neiswander, Diller, Sixth Generation.

Lizzie was born in Allen Co., Ohio. She was married to Samuel Diller. She fell from a wagon and thus met her death, July 2, 1910. She left two children. No other word.

VII—Lydia Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

VIII—Ella Neiswander, Steiner, Sixth Generation. Married a Steiner. Bluffton, Ohio.

IX—Selena Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

D—Fanny Geiger, Fifth Generation, 1847-1917.

Fanny was born October 13, 1847, and died July 7, 1917. She was never married.

E—Ragina Geiger, Lehman, Fifth Generation, 1848.

Ragina was born in Allen Co., Ohio, May 8, 1848. She was married to John Lehman May 5, 1877. He was born July 23, 1842, in Wayne Co., Ohio, and died in Putnam Co., Ohio, January 20, 1916. Date of her death not obtained. He was a farmer. They belonged to the N. Mennonite Church. To them were born in Allen Co., Ohio:

I—Lizzie Lehman, Haas, Sixth Generation, Beaverdam, Ohio.

Lizzie was born May 22, 1878. She married Samuel Haas, October 22, 1898. He was born April 11, 1875. Near Beaverdam were born to them:

Seventh Generation

1—Viola M., May 25, 1899.
2—Vera R., April 15, 1902.
3—Bernice M., April 5, 1904.
4—Nada L., May 29, 1907.

II—Mary Lehman, Sixth Generation, born November 20, 1879, Pandora, Ohio.

III—Katie Lehman, Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Katie was born December 10, 1880. She was married to Levi Neiswander, April 28, 1907. He was born April 1, 1885. He is a farmer. No church membership given. To them was born:

1—Delbert, June 28, 1908, Seventh Generation.

IV—Sarah Lehman, May 1, 1882, Sixth Generation. No other word. Columbus Grove, Ohio.

V—Susan Lehman, June 8, 1883, Sixth Generation. No other word. Columbus Grove, Ohio.

VI—David Lehman, Sixth Generation, born September 15, 1884. Married to Mary Habegger, April 30, 1911. They live at Pandora, Ohio. No other word.

VII—Peter Lehman, Sixth Generation, born January 25, 1887, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

VIII—Rhoda Lehman, Sixth Generation, born January 7, 1889, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

## CHAPTER II.

### Anna Geiger, Basinger, Fourth Generation 1818-1909.

Anna began her earthly pilgrimage in Holstein, Canton Basel, Switzerland, November 22, 1818. She had a limited education. At maturity she was baptized and admitted as a member of the Mennonite Church. She was united in marriage with Christian Basinger, April 2, 1838, at Bluffton, Ohio. He was born in Switzerland in 1808. They immigrated to America and settled in Putnam Co., Ohio, where there was a Swiss settlement. They were of the first settlers here and formed a nucleus for a Swiss Mennonite Church. Here they lived until they were summoned to their reward. He died in 1846, and she, April 25, 1909. To this union were born:

### A—Peter Basinger, Fifth Generation

Peter was born April 28, 1839 and died February 28, 1840.

### B—Adam Basinger, Fifth Generation, 1840-1917.

Adam was initiated to the trials of life in Putnam Co., Ohio, September 17, 1840. Here he went to rural schools, and engaged in the hard work of early pioneer life. Land then was cheap, but it required much hard labor to rid the land of its heavy timber, split rails for fencing, build homes, drain the land so the ground could produce satisfactory harvests, etc. He entered married life with Anna Garber October 6, 1864, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She was born June 1, 1845, in Wayne Co., Ohio. In 1866 they moved to Versailles, Maniteau Co., Mo., where they took up pioneer life and raised a big family. He passed to his eternal reward April 20, 1917. She is still living at this writing. They were blessed with children, all born in Maniteau Co., Mo., except the first child, which was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, and the second in Morgan Co., Mo., where they first lived, namely:

### I—Caroline Basinger, Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Versailles, Mo.

Caroline was born October 2, 1865. She only has a common school education. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church April 3, 1885, by Rev. P. P. Lehman. She gave her hand in marriage to Daniel W. Baumgartner, September 24, 1891. Rev. P. P. L. officiated. He was born June 30, 1866, and baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church April 13, 1886, by Rev. J. Nusbaum. Not long after marriage they moved to near Versailles, Moniteau Co., Mo., where they have lived since and reared their family, namely:

#### 1—Wade Dewey Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Missouri

Wade D. was born August 4, 1898. He only has a common school training. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, September 1, 1918. He is a farmer and is still single.

#### 2—Oliver Emmit Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Missouri.

Oliver E. appeared on earth October 21, 1900. He, too, only attended common school. He was baptized when Wade was, and joined the same church. He entered into marriage relations with Elda Ruth Lehman at Bethel Church, September 16, 1923, Rev. P. P. Hilty officiating. They are farming. To them is born:

a—Edmund Daniel, December 21, 1925, Eighth Generation.

3—Neal Washington Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Neal W. began his walk of life February 22, 1904. He only attended graded school. He was baptized and admitted into his parents' church, March 16, 1919. He assists farming at home.

4—Roy Adam Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Roy A. began his earthly career July 9, 1906. He just attended district school. He was baptized and united with his parents' church March 16, 1919. He assists farming.

5—Alice Anna Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Alice A. was born April 30, 1908 and baptized October 31, 1921, and joined her parents' church. She only attended district school.

II—Peter Basinger, born August 13, 1866, and died the same day. Sixth Generation.

III—Elias A. Basinger, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Elias A. was born near Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo., September 17, 1867. Here he received a common school education. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church near Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo., April 19, 1889, by Rev. M. S. Moyer. He was married to Elizabeth Baumgartner, daughter of John B. Baumgartner, February 1, 1893. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. P. P. Lehman. They lived near Versailles, Morgan Co., until January, 1911, when they moved to near Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio, where they now belong to the Mennonite Church. She was born October 22, 1867, and was baptized and received into the Swiss Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio, April 23, 1886, by Rev. J. Nusbaum. Later she joined the Mennonite Church of the General Conference in Missouri, and returning to Wayne Co., Ohio, she again joined the Swiss Mennonite Church. To them were born:

1—Sarah L. Basinger, Seventh Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Sarah L. came to this world in Morgan Co., Mo., October 12, 1893. She has a district school education. She received baptism and admission into the Swiss Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio, April 5, 1912. She does general housework. January, 1911, she came to Wayne Co., Ohio, where she has since resided.

2—David W. Basinger, Seventh Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio, Laborer.

David W. entered life's pathway near Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo.,

April 25, 1896. He has a common school education. He was baptized and admitted to the Swiss Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, April 10, 1914. He was united in marriage with Ella Zuercher, February 4, 1919, by Rev. Cleophas Amstutz. She was born May 10, 1898, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She was baptized and received into the above named Church. He is working in a planing mill in Kidron, Wayne Co., Ohio. He moved with his parents to Wayne Co., Ohio, January, 1911. They live one mile from Kidron, Ohio. Here their children were born, namely:

a—Elva Anna, May 24, 1921, Eighth Generation.

b—Dale Cleo, June 29, 1922, Eighth Generation.

c—Lloyd Allen, November 3, 1924, Eighth Generation.

### 3—Mary A. Basinger, Seventh Generation

Mary A. began her pathway of life near Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo., April 11, 1899. She was baptized and admitted into the Swiss Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, April 21, 1916. She only attended district school. She is engaged in general housework. She, too, came to Wayne Co., Ohio, January, 1911.

### 4—Amos A. Basinger, Seventh Generation, Farmer.

Amos A. began his journey of life in Morgan Co., Mo., near Versailles, April 30, 1902. He has a graded school education. January, 1911, he came with his parents to Wayne Co., Ohio, where he was baptized and received into the Swiss Mennonite Church, April 2, 1920. He farms.

### 5—Walter E. Basinger, Seventh Generation, Farmer.

Walter E. made his appearance in life near Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo., June 5, 1904, and came with his parents to Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1911. He has a common school education. The rite of baptism was administered upon him, April 2, 1920, when he also was received into his parents' church. He is a farmer.

### 6—Bertha E. Basinger, Seventh Generation.

Bertha E. arrived in this world in Wayne Co., Ohio, March 21, 1913. She is now in district school.

## IV—Gideon Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Gideon was born February 6, 1869, and died March 2, same year.

## V—Sarah Basinger, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Pratum, Oregon.

Sarah began her pilgrimage November 14, 1870. She only attended common school. By baptism she became a member of the Mennonite

Church in Fortuna, Mo. She entered matrimonial life with J. W. Hofstetter, August 24, 1905. He was born December 1, 1864, at Dalton, Ohio. Here, and in Morgan Co., Mo., he obtained his education, and by baptism joined the Mennonite Church at Hickory Creek Township, Morgan Co., Mo. He is a carpenter and farmer, now living at Pratum, Oregon. To them are born:

1—Katharine Anna Hofstetter, Seventh Generation, Pratum, Oregon.

Katharine A. was born in Morgan Co., Mo., July 8, 1906. She was educated in this place and Oregon. March 16, 1919, she was admitted by baptism into the Bethel Mennonite Church in Missouri.

2—Adam John Hofstetter, Seventh Generation, Pratum, Oregon, Farmer.

Adam J. was born May 18, 1908. He received his education in Missouri and Oregon. By the rite of baptism he was made a member of the Mennonite Church at Pratum, Oregon, in August 19, 1923. He is a farmer.

3—Sherman Ralph Hostetter, Seventh Generation

Sherman R. was born December 24, 1910. He is now in the Pratum district school. At this place he joined the Mennonite Church by baptism October 5, 1924.

VI—Clara Basinger, Bucher, Sixth Generation, Fortuna, Mo.

Clara entered this world at Fortuna, Mo., December 12, 1871. She has a common school education. She was baptized and received into the Bethel Mennonite Church, April 18, 1887, at Fortuna, Mo. She was married to Elias Bucher of Moniteau Co., Mo., December 16, 1897. He was born at Bluffton, Ohio, September 20, 1872. He is a farmer. On Good Friday, 1890, he was baptized and joined Bethel Mennonite Church. Here were born to them:

1—Bessie Ann Bucher, Seventh Generation, Fortuna, Mo.

Bessie A. entered this life September 7, 1898. She attended Hazel Dell School. She was received into her parents' church by baptism on April 10, 1914. She is unmarried and at home.

2—Fannie Eletta Bucher, Senior, Seventh Generation, California, Mo.

Fannie E. began her career in life, June 5, 1900. She attended the Hazel Dell School. She was received by baptism into her parents' church in 1917. She was married to Wm. Senior, August 3, 1924, at California, Missouri, where they live.

3—Edith Matilda Bucher, Seventh Generation

Edith M. was born August 20, 1902. She was educated at Hazel Dell School. Received by baptism into her parents' church June 4, 1916. She engages in house work.

4—Ella Viola Bucher, Seventh Generation

Ella V. began her pilgrimage April 16, 1905. She attended Hazel Dell School, and was baptized and received into her parents' church, March 16, 1919. She does housework.

5—Anna Frances Bucher, Seventh Generation

Anna F. was born January 1, 1908, and educated in Hazel Dell School. Baptized and received into her parents' church March 16, 1919. Does housework.

6—Delbert Ray and Elbert Roy Bucher, Seventh Generation.

Delbert R. and Elbert R. entered the pathway of life together, August 7, 1912. They are now in school.

VII—John W. Basinger, Sixth Generation, Utica, Ness Co., Kans., Farmer.

John W. was born May 15, 1874. He has a graded school education. He was married to Sallie Artz October 12, 1899. She was born June 5, 1879, at Versailles, Mo. He farms at Utica, Ness Co., Kansas. To them were born at Versailles, Mo.:

Seventh Generation

1—Hany, August 6, 1900.
2—Dorsey, December 29, 1901.
3—Sophia, August 19, 1904.
4—Elsie, February 27, 1907.
5—Lawrence, May 31, 1909.
6—Ora, December 16, 1911.
7—Susanna, December 10, 1913.
8—Pearl————
9—Cecil————

VIII—Martha Basinger, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Aurora, Ohio.

Martha began her earthly life August 24, 1875. She attended Hazel Dell school. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church, April 12, 1895, at Versailles, Mo. She was united in marriage with Joel Lehman, November 3, 1895 at Elreno, Okla. He was born October 20th, 1870, at Versailles, Mo., where he was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, April 12, 1895. His occupation is farming. They moved to Aurora, Ohio, April 4, 1912. To them were born in Morgan Co., Mo., the first six children, Caroline at Geary, Okla., and last four at Aurora, O.

1—Wilma Esther Lehman, Seventh Generation, Peoria, Ill.

Wilma E. arrived in this world September 1, 1896. She received her education at Prairie Valley school, Versailles, Mo. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Aurora, O., May, 1912. November 16, 1925, she began to do domestic work in the Mission at Peoria, Ill. She is yet single.

2—Susie Anna Lehman, Fisher, Seventh Generation, Aurora, Ohio.

Susie A. entered life's pathway June 26, 1899. She received her education at Aurora, Ohio. She is a housekeeper. She united in marriage with Edwin C. Fisher at Aurora, Ohio, April 18, 1919. He is clerking and delivering for a Merchandise Store in Aurora.

3—Melvin Roy Lehman, Seventh Generation, Aurora, Ohio, Farmer.

Melvin R. entered this life May 3, 1901. He received his education at Aurora, Ohio. Here he was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, February, 1923. He is a farmer. He was married to Gladys Edwards at Versailles, Mo., February 10, 1923, where she was born May 2, 1904. To their home has come:

a—Hubert Leland, March 27, 1924, Eighth Generation.

4—Bessie Lovine Lehman, Seventh Generation, Aurora, Ohio.

Bessie L. commenced her activities December 5, 1902. She was educated at Aurora, Ohio. Date of her baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church at Aurora is November, 1916. She devotes her time to domestic work.

5—John Adam Lehman, Seventh Generation, Student.

John A. entered the race of life January 2, 1905. He graduated in three years from the Aurora high school, May 18, 1923, and the 4th year from the Streetsboro high school. He is now attending college at Harrisburg, Va. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church at Aurora, Ohio, September, 1918.

6—Daniel Lehman, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Aurora, Ohio.

Daniel began his earthly struggles August 25, 1906. He received his education at Aurora, Ohio, where he also received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church Sept., 1918. He is farming on his father's farm.

7—Caroline Elizabeth Lehman, Seventh Generation.

Caroline E. started the race of life December 10, 1908. She is a graduate from the Aurora high school, May 13, 1925. In the Mennonite Church here she received baptism and reception as member February, 1923.

8—Helen Frances Lehman, Seventh Generation.

Helen F. came on the scene of action April 24, 1913. She is now attending school. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Aurora, Ohio, November, 1925.

9—Pauline Ruth Lehman, Seventh Generation.

Pauline R. made her debut in life December 2, 1914, and is now attending school at Aurora, Ohio.

10—Wilfred Joel Lehman, Seventh Generation

Wilfred J. came into this world February 23, 1918, and is now in school.

11—Kenneth Herman Lehman began his life May 26, 1920.

IX—Daniel Basinger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Fortuna, Mo.

Daniel was born May 24, 1878. He has a common school education. He married Jessie Howard, January 1, 1902, at R. W. Howard's. She was born in Moniteau Co., Mo., October 11, 1876. Both were baptized and admitted into the Christian Church at Lathan, Mo., he in 1905. Her date was not given. They are farmers, and live at Fortuna, Mo., where were born to them:

1—Edna Frances Basinger, Seventh Generation, Teacher, Lathan, Mo.

Edna F. entered this life November 7, 1902. She attended school at Clarksburg and California, Mo. By baptism she was received into the Christian Church at Lathan, in August, 1920. She has been teaching school.

2—Jewel Christian Basinger, Seventh Generation.

Jewel C. began his life August 26, 1911. He finished the 8th grade school work.

X—Barbara Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Barbara was born September 21, 1879, and departed October 31, 1925.

XI—Joseph Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Joseph was born Oct. 13, 1880, and as a flower was cut off Aug. 3, 1881.

XII—Rachel Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Rachel was born March 20, 1882 and died May 13, same year.

XIII—Christian Basinger, Sixth Generation, Beeville, Texas.

Christian began his pilgrimage August 11, 1883. He has common school education. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in Moniteau Co., Mo., in young manhood. He entered matrimo-

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nial life with Sarah Badertscher at Bluffton, Allen Co., Ohio, on May 13, 1913, where she was initiated to this life March 15, 1878. She has a common school education. Here she was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, April, 1896. They lived in Morgan and Moniteau Co., Mo., until they moved to Beeville, Texas, in November 6, 1925. To their home in Moniteau Co., Mo., came:

1—Clayton, July 8, 1914, Seventh Generation.

2—Robert, October 17, 1917, Seventh Generation.

### XIV—Linda Basinger Bucher, Sixth Generation.

Linda was initiated to this life April 13, 1885. She has a graded school education, and as a young woman, was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in Moniteau Co., Mo. Her vocation has been housework. She was married to John Bucher, Mo., March, 1912.

### XV—Simon Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Simon was born May 1, 1888, and departed July 28, same year.

### XVI—Fannie Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Fannie arrived in this world September 28, 1890. She obtained a common school education. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church when a young woman. Her vocation is housework. She is unmarried.

### C—Barbara Basinger, Garber, Fifth Generation, 1841.

Barbara was born in Allen Co., Ohio, June 29, 1841. She attended district school. When a young woman she by baptism was admitted into the Reformed Mennonite Church. She married Peter Garber, January 2, 1862. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, June 14, 1840. They were farmers. Time of their demise not given. To them were born:

### I—Daniel Garber, Sixth Generation, Whitehouse, Ohio.

Daniel was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, October 19, 1862. As a child he moved to Allen Co., Ohio, with his parents, where he went to school, and was baptized and joined the Reformed Mennonite Church. He married Barbara Langnacker in 1885. They reside in Lucas Co., Ohio, where were born to them:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Mary May, Feb. 2, 1888.

2—Mabel Bertha, June 29, 1890.

3—Gladys Barb. A., Dec. 18, 1892.

4—Henry Peter, June 1, 1895.

5—Amos Daniel, Nov. 29, 1898.

6—Lawrence Wm., Nov. 18, 1900.

7—Ethel Mae, Feb. 17, 1903. Twin.

8—Cecil Maria. Feb. 17, 1903. Twin.

9—Alta Pearl, March 22, 1906.

### II—Anna Garber Niswander Bucher, Sixth Generation.

Anna was born in Allen Co., Ohio, May 26, 1864. She attended district school. She was baptized and received into the Reformed Mennonite Church. She married Amos Niswander, November 10, 1882. He died, year not given. She married again, this time to Rev. Benj. Bucher, June 23, 1912, who died May 8, 1923. To the first union were born:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Persis Fay, December 23, 1884, in Allen Co., Ohio. Married to Charles Crosby.

2—Seneca Warren, November 10, 1885, and died February 17, 1916.

3—Minor Waldo, Nov. 26, 1887, in Lucas Co., Ohio. He is married.

4—Miles Floyd, February 13, 1897. No other word from this family.

### III—Christian Garber, Sixth Generation, 1866-1920.

Christian was born in Allen Co., Ohio, February 22, 1866. He went to district school. By baptism he was received into the Reformed Mennonite Church. He was a stockbuyer. He married Clara Boyer, October 1, 1895. They lived in Whitehouse. She was born October 1, 1870. He died February 22, 1920. To them was born:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Fanny Beryl, born October 16, 1902, Lucas Co., Ohio. She is a school teacher.

IV—Gideon Garber, born October 5, 1867 and died Dec. 18, 1868.

### V—Sarah Garber, Lehman, Sixth Generation.

Sarah was born in Allen Co., Ohio, February 11, 1869. She has a good education and has taught school for a while. When a young woman she was baptized and received into the Reformed Mennonite Church. She married Joseph Lehman, July 30, 1889. He was born May 27, 1864. He farmed near Whitehouse, Ohio, where he died April 23, 1905. To them was born:

1—Lavina Mae, July 11, 1890, Lucas Co., Ohio. She taught school. Died, June 24, 1915.

VI—Peter Garber, Jr., born January 4, 1871, and died the third day.

### VII—Barbara Garber, Burkholder, Sixth Generation, Whitehouse, Ohio.

Barbara was born in Lucas Co., Ohio, February 26, 1872. She has a common schooling. She was baptized and received into the Reformed Mennonite Church, November 20, 1895. She married Jacob Burkholder,

January 19, 1902. He was born July 5, 1875. He was a farmer at Whitehouse, Ohio, where he died February 15, 1907. Nothing else reported.

D—Christian Basinger, Fifth Generation.

Christian was born September 10, 1842, and in the prime of life died October 7, 1864.

E—Mary Basinger, Nusbaum, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Mary was born July 3, 1844. She had ordinary schooling. She married John Nusbaum, October 6, 1864, who was born September 1, 1840, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died February 19, 1912. To them were born at Columbus Grove, Ohio:

I—Daniel Nusbaum, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Daniel was born May 28, 1867, and married Martha Steiner, December, 1891, who was born January 3, 1872, at Bluffton, Ohio. She died November 23, 1905. They attended rural schools. Born to them at Columbus Grove were:

Seventh Generation

1—Phares J., May 6, 1892. Address: Detroit, Michigan.

2—Willis John, October 1, 1895. Died November 10, 1918.

3—Jennie M., May 7, 1896. Address: Lima, Ohio.

4—Mary Catherine, March 3, 1898. Married Aldan Wright. Date not given. They live in Cairo, Ohio, where was born to them:

a—Martha Jennie, September 15, 1920, Eighth Generation.

He was married a second time, choosing Anna Sprangel, October 12, 1910. To this union were born:

5—Christ Isaiah, February 17, 1912.

6—Susan Grace, December 24, 1913.

7—Anna Laurena, February 24, ————.

II—John S. Nusbaum, Sixth Generation, was born January 19, 1869, and died September 28, 1892.

III—David Nusbaum, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

David entered this life September 16, 1870, and was married to Bertha Steiner, October 2, 1894. She was born at Bluffton, Ohio, July 26, 1874. They attended country school. To them were born:

1—Leonard Wm. Nusbaum, Seventh Generation, Lima, Ohio.

Leonard Wm. was born May 7, 1896, at Columbus Grove, Ohio. He married Florence Lambart. Date not given. They live in Lima, Ohio.

She was born at Bluffton, Ohio. To them were born in Lima:

a—Chas. David, February 8, 1921, Eighth Generation.

b—Ralph Wm., January 11, 1926, Eighth Generation.

2—Harley Edw. Nusbaum, Seventh Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Harley E. entered the path of life February 23, 1898. He married Glena Hartman June, 1921. They live at Columbus Grove, Ohio, where was born to them:

a—Donald Edw., ————, 1922, Eighth Generation.

3—Gilbert Ulrich Nusbaum, Seventh Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio

Gilbert U. entered life's pathway, October 14, 1899. He was married to Mabel Miller. Time not given. They live at Columbus Grove, O., where were born to them:

a—Robert Nelson, April 13, 1922, Eighth Generation.

b—Dorotha Jene, ————. 1922.

Seventh Generation

4—Elmer Francis, Aug. 8, 1901.
5—Helen Kat., Aug. 2, 1911.
6—Manda Mae, Dec. 26, 1913.
7—Robert Dale, March 31, 1915.

IV—Peter Nusbaum, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Peter was born October 5, 1872, and married Susan Diller, November 19, 1905. She was born April 17, 1871. They live at Columbus Grove, Ohio, where were born to them:

Seventh Generation

1—Alice Verena, June 8, 1907.
2—Peter Elroy, April 4, 1909.
3—Lenola Ruth, Jan. 23, 1912.
4—Susan, Oct. 3, 1913.
5—Mary Kath., Feb. 19, 1915.

V—Mary Nusbaum, Sixth Generation, was born April 15, 1874, and died January 24, 1875.

VI—Gideon Nusbaum, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

Gideon entered life February 24, 1876. He married Rosa Haas, who was born in Switzerland, September 23, 1878. At Pandora, Ohio, were born to them:

Seventh Generation

1—John Harold, Feb. 16, 1907.
2—Lewis Gideon, June 4, 1909.
3—Violet Mae, Dec. 23, 1910.
4—Alice Irene, Dec. 15, 1913.
5—Frances Dala, April 23, 1918.

VII—Sarah Nusbaum, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Sarah was born Augnst 2, 1879. She is unmarried and lives in Bluffton, Ohio.

VIII—Christian Nusbaum, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Cleveland, Ohio.

Christian was born October 1, 1882. He married Marion Trout, September 8, 1917. They live at Cleveland, Ohio. To them were born:

1—Ruth, July 9, 1918, Seventh Generation, Cambridge, Mass.

2—David Reece, October 6, 1920, Seventh Generation, Columbus, Ohio.

3—Wm. Card, February 20, 1923, Seventh Generation.

F—Fanny Basinger, Herr, Fifth Generation.

Fanny was born January 21, 1846, in Putnam Co., Ohio, where she received schooling. She was married to Christian Herr of Putnam Co., Ohio, in 1868. He was born in 1848. They lived in Wayne Co., Ohio. In 1910, they, with daughter Fanny, made a visit to Oregon, where their son Sem lived. On the way they became exposed to smallpox and soon after arriving at Silverton, she took down with the malady, followed by the entire family of nine persons including two nurses. Christian died December 6th, his son Sem the 7th, daughter Fanny the 9th and Sem's wife the 11th. Grandmother, Sem's wife's sister, two nurses and little son Clarence survived. They were members of the Mennonite Church.

I—Sem S. Herr, Sixth Generation, Farmer.

Sem entered this life in Putnam Co., Ohio, October 2, 1873. Here he obtained a common school education. In 1904 he moved to Oregon, where he married Matilda Hilty of Salem, Oregon, August 31, 1905. She was born October 16, 1881, at Silverton, Oregon. Here they live on a farm. They were both baptized and joined the Mennonite Church at Pratum, Oregon, as young people. To them was born:

1—Clarence E. Herr, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Silverton, Oregon

Clarence E. arrived in this life at Silverton, Oregon, May 3, 1906. He attended the Central Howell school, from which he graduated in 1921. He was baptized and initiated into the Mennonite Church at Silverton, Oregon, July 3, 1921. He is yet single and is a farmer.

II—Fanny Herr, Sixth Generation.

Fanny was born probably in 1875. She was never married and died as above mentioned.

III—Sarah Herr, Geiger, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Sarah was born April 11, 1877. She was married to Amos C. Geiger

February 27, 1900, at Bluffton, Ohio, Rev. J. B. Baer officiating. He was born July 5, 1876. Both of them were born in Putnam Co., Ohio. They were baptized and united with the Mennonite Church, he in 1895 and she in 1896. He is a farmer. To them were born near Bluffton, Ohio:

**1—Estelle May Geiger, Pugh, Seventh Generation, Teacher, Orrville, Ohio.**

Estelle M. was born May 24, 1901. She was baptized and belongs to the Mennonite Church since 1913. She has a good education and tanght school. She was married to Chas. N. Pugh in 1925. He was born September 13, 1900. He is a school teacher. They live at Orrville, Wayne Co., Ohio, 229 N. Mill St. To their home arrived:

a—Doroth Joyce, October 8, 1925, Eighth Generation.

2—Beulah Marie Geiger, Seventh Generation, born September 27, 1904. She was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church in 1916.

3—Orlin Wilford Geiger, Seventh Generation, born February 4, 1910, and was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church in 1924.

## CHAPTER III.

### Fanny Geiger, Bucher, 1821-1901, Fourth Generation.

Fanny Geiger, daughter of Peter and Anna (Welty) Geiger, was born June 25, 1821, and died October 31, 1901, at Sonnenberg, Basel, Switzerland. She was married to Peter Bucher. They lived together 68 years. To them were born:

**A—John Bucher, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

John was born———————. He married Regina Steiner.

**B—Daniel Bucher, Fifth Generation.**

Daniel was born———————. He married Mattie Garber.

No other word could be obtained from these two sons and their families.—Compiler.

## CHAPTER IV.

### Barbara Geiger, Fourth Generation, 1824-1920.

Barbara entered this life in 1824 in Holstein, Basel, Switzerland. She was baptized and joined the Swiss Mennonite Church when a young woman in Putnam Co., Ohio. She never entered married life. She lived nearly a century, departing this life at Whitehouse, Lucas Co., Ohio, in 1920. Early in life she came to America and first settled in Putnam Co., Ohio.

## CHAPTER V.

### Maria Geiger, Bucher, Fourth Generation, 1825-1916.

Maria was born January 23, 1825, in Switzerland. She was married to Frederick Bucher in 1846, who was born in 1820. He died January 11, 1882, and she May 6, 1916. June, 1886, she married Jacob Bender, who was born May 11, 1826. The time of their immigration to America is unknown. To the first union were born:

### A—Anna Bucher, Rupp, Fifth Generation, 1847-1915.

Anna entered this life Sept. 23, 1847. She attended district school. She was married to John J. Rupp, Mar. 26, 1871. He was born Dec. 20, 1845, and died May 13, 1915, and she the same year in Aug. They were members of the Mennonite Church. To them were born:

### I—Mary A. Rupp, Lower, Sixth Generation.

Mary A. was born May 26, 1873. She attended common school. By baptism she was received into the Mennonite Church when a young woman. She married A. A. Lower, Nov. 29, 1903. To them were born:

1—Vernon, October 26, 1904, Seventh Generation.

2—Dorothy, August 17, 1906, Seventh Generation. Died Nov. 11, 1907.

3—Herman, October 31, 1908. Seventh Generation.

### II—Moses H. Rupp, Sixth Generation.

Moses H. was born September 1, 1875. Attended district school. He married Mag. Wilhelm, March 11, 1906.

### III—Sadie J. Rupp, Axley, Sixth Generation.

Sadie J. was born September 14, 1877. She married James S. Axley May 3, 1904.

### IV—Emma E. Rupp, Upp, Sixth Generation.

Emma E. was born March 26, 1889. She married Jacchyn Upp June 25, 1901. To their home came:

1—Thelma, April 12, 1904, Seventh Generation.

### V—Ida F. Rupp, Benneth, Sixth Generation

Ida F. entered this life December 29, 1882. She married Rob. J. Benneth March 26, 1908.

VI—John A. Rupp was born October 23, 1886. Has a rural school education.

VII—Cora C. Rupp, Sixth Generation, was born January 1, 1891.

### B—Benjamin Bucher, Fifth Generation, 1848-1923.

Benjamin was born December 10, 1848. He was married to Maria Scherer April 14, 1874. She was born February 26, 1854, and died December 21, 1901. Then he married Anna Garber Nenswander, June 23, 1912. He died May 8, 1923. The children are of the first union, namely:

### I—Charles Henry Bucher, Sixth Generation.

Charles H. was born April 4, 1875. Has a common school education. He married Anna Christman July 26, 1894. They are the parents of:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Emera C., Feb. 8, 1895.
2—Bertha A., Dec. 30, 1896.
3—Floyd N., Dec. 18, 1898.
4—Lawrence C., April 14, 1901.
5—George K., March 10, 1903.
6—Michael I., Dec. 10, 1908.

### II—Hebert Fred Bucher, Sixth Generation.

Hebert F. was born June 25, 1877. He attended rural school. He married Clara Dotger December 30, 1903. Their children are:

1—Ivan, December 14, 1904, Seventh Generation.
2—Maria, March 29, 1906, Seventh Generation. Died June 9, 1907.
3—Edith, February —, 1908, Seventh Generation.

III—Walter Maurice Bucher was born October 7, 1879. Sixth Generation.

IV—Clarence Sylvester Bucher was born November 26, 1881. Sixth Generation.

### V—Alberta May Bucher, Schmid, Sixth Generation.

Alberta M. was born July 14, 1884. Attended district school. She married Charles Schmid February 2, 1902. To them were born:

1—Laura G., September 9, 1902, Seventh Generation.
2—Myrtle C., November 23, 1906, Seventh Generation.
3—Charles H., November 6, 1908, Seventh Generation.

### VI—Cora Eliza Bucher, Blackburn, Sixth Generation.

Cora E. was born January 30, 1886. Attended rural school. Was married to George Blackburn, March 31, 1909.

VII—Anna Elizabeth, May 16, 1888, Sixth Generation.
VIII—Benj. Franklin, July 27, 1890, Sixth Generation.
IX—Mary Maria, June 2, 1892, Sixth Generation.
X—Edward Ray, July 27, 1895, Sixth Generation.

### C—Joseph Bucher, Fifth Generation.

Joseph was born November 7, 1850. He has a common schooling. He married Fanny Rupp December 24, 1878, who was born July 13, 1860. To them were born:

#### Sixth Generation

I—Ella May, October 14, 1880. She married Nelson Hostetter, January 21, 1904. He was born April 1880. No other word.

II—Harvey, August 18, 1881. No other information.

III—Anna Cathrine, December 16, 1883. She married Wm. Kinsey, January 30, 1908. He was born October 12, 1886.

IV—Daniel was born December 21, 1885. He married Clara Melendic, February 28, 1907. She was born November 30, 1886. To them were born:

1—Mildred C, March 30, 1908. 2—Howard D., March 25, 1909.

V—Samuel, born May 11, 1887, and died April 23, 1888.

VI—John, May 5, 1890. IX—Melvin, July 26, 1896.

VII—Susie, Nov. 12, 1891. X—Joseph C., July 20, 1899.

VIII—Elmer, Dec. 21, 1893. XI—Edith I., March 12, 1904.

### D—Elizabeth Bucher, Rohra, Fifth Generation, 1853-1925.

Elizabeth was born May 6, 1853. She had a common schooling. She married Isaac Rohra October 19, 1879. He was born April 20, 1845, and died May 19, 1925. She on March 21, 1925. To them were born:

#### Sixth Generation

I—Emma F., June 21, 1881. She was married to Arthur Cowthers, February 22, 1905. To them came:

1—Nellie E., Nov. 21, 1905. 2—Alice H., July 21, 1907.

3—Ernest W., Aug. 4, 1908.

II—Fred C., July 24, 1883. No other word.

III—Ida M., January 21, 1885. She married Frank Koehli, August 26, 1905. To them were born:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Kath. E., Feb. 19, 1907. 2—Mabel M., Oct. 7, 1908.

3—Fred J., Aug. 10, 1909.

### E—Christian Bucher, Fifth Generation.

Christian was born November 20, 1855. He has a common schooling. He married Marg. Roth December 24, 1878, who was born April 25, 1858, and died September 24, 1923. To this union were born:

Sixth Generation

I—Nelson C., September 17, 1880. No other word.

II—Fred J., January 25, 1883. He married Loretta Barnes November 9, 1905. To them was born:

1—Iola, September 27, 1906, and died April 30, 1907.

III—Mary M., October 11, 1885. She married Thomas Nicely, January 8, 1908. He was born February 23, 1883.

IV—Ambrose S., September 11, 1887. No other word.

V—Maggie A., October 2, 1889. No other word.

F—Peter Bucher, Fifth Generation.

Peter was born July 4, 1858, and passed away January 10, 1860.

G—Mary Bucher, Lauber, Fifth Generation.

Mary was born July 7, 1860. She has a common schooling. She married Samuel Lauber April 4, 1878. He was born January 1, 1858. To them were born:.

Sixth Generation

I—Louis E., May 29, 1879. Married Saloma Gearing, April 2, 1902.

II—Cora A., October 20, 1880. She married Henry Gearing, November 25, 1902. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Earl C., June 30, 1904. 2—Willard L., February 1, 1907.

III—Emma F., October 21, 1881. She married Wm. Beverson May 25, 1902. To them was born:

1—Orven W., January 22, 1908, Seventh Generation.

IV—Melvin C., September 20, 1884. He married Carrie Zimmerman November 25, 1908.

V—Simon C., Sept. 21, 1886.
VI—Elmer S., Jan. 30, 1891.
VII—Ida, May 9, 1893.
VIII—Marjorie, April 28, 1895.
IX—Floyd F., March 3, 1896.
X—Bertha C., Jan. 25, 1898.
XI—Thornetta M., Oct. 6, 1901.
XII—Earl A., March 8, 1904.

H—Christina L. Bucher, Lauber, Fifth Generation, 1863-1903.

Christina was born September 11, 1863. She has a common school education. She married Joseph Lauber, January 27, 1881. He was born March 3, 1860. She died October 27, 1903. He is in the Mercantile business in Archbold, Ohio. To them were born:

1—Ora Emmons Lauber, December 5, 1881, Sixth Generation.

II—Bertha May Lauber, January 11, 1883, Sixth Generation. Married to Jesse Saunders, June 29, 1905.

III—Harry Cleveland Lauber, Jan. 25, 1885, Sixth Generation. He was married to Mattie Short November 24, 1908. To them was born:

1—Catharine, July 18, 1909, Seventh Generation.

IV—Edw. Christian Lauber, June 2, 1887, Sixth Generation.

V—Elmer Frederick Lauber, June 2, 1887, Sixth Generation. He was married to Gertrude Grime April 14, 1909.

VI—Olley Colenzo Lauber, September 30, 1891, Sixth Generation. He was married to Myrtle Burke August 5, 1903. To them were born:

1—Joseph, September 18, 1905, Seventh Generation.

2—William, May 10, 1909, Seventh Generation.

VII—Gladys Louetta Lauber, February 9, 1897, Sixth Generation.

### I—Fannie Bucher, Lauber, Fifth Generation, 1867-1915.

Fannie was born September 11, 1867. She only had a common education. She was married to Christian Lauber, August 30, 1890. He was born March, 1865. She died February 5, 1915. To them were born:

I—Harley Lauber, December 17, 1888, Sixth Generation.

II—Christian S. Lauber, May 20, 1891, Sixth Generation.

III—Clarence L. Lauber, November 13, 1892, Sixth Generation. Died November 11, 1918 in a battle in France on the last day of the World War. He was awarded a distinguished service cross for bravery under fire.

IV—Elsie Lauber, November 14, 1894, Sixth Generation.

V—Carrie May Lauber, June 12, 1897, Sixth Generation.

VI—Harold W. Lauber, October 1, 1899, Sixth Generation.

VII—Mary Cora Lauber, August 2, 1903, Sixth Generation.

## CHAPTER VI.

### Peter Geiger, Fourth Generation, 1829-1853.

Peter Geiger, son of Peter Geiger and his wife, Anna Welty, was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, November 4, 1829. Early in life he was baptized and became a member of the Swiss Mennonite Church in Allen Co., Ohio, near Bluffton. He was married to Elizabeth Bixel February 12, 1852, in Richland township, Allen Co., Ohio. Here they lived on his father's farm. With his parents he came to America when a young man. Peter, Jr., died November 8, 1853, of typhoid fever. To them was born:

A—Fannie Geiger, Zimmerly, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Fannie entered this life January 28, 1853, in Richland Township, Allen Co., Ohio. Here she attended district school. Early in life she was baptized and became a member of the Swiss Mennonite Church, near Bluffton, Ohio. She was married to John Zimmerly, April 24, 1873. He d'ed February 2, 1899. No children were born to them. Fannie now lives in Bluffton, Ohio.

## CHAPTER VII.

### Elizabeth Geiger, Fourth Generation, 1831-1853.

Elizabeth Geiger entered upon the path of life in Holstein, Basel, Switzerland, in 1831. When a young woman she was baptized and united with the Swiss Mennonite Church in Putnam Co., Ohio. She never married. She passed away in Putnam Co., Ohio, in 1853. Early in life she immigrated to America with her parents.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### Christian Geiger, Fourth Generation, 1835-1905

Christian was born November 16, 1835, in Holstein, Basel, Switzerland. He was united in marriage with Anna Thut October 16, 1858. They were baptized as members of the Swiss Mennonite Church. He departed this life September 22, 1905. Early in life he came to America and settled in Allen Co., Ohio. To them were born here:

A—Elizabeth Geiger, Schutz, Fifth Generation, 1860-1887.

Elizabeth entered this life February 24, 1860. She had rural school training. As a young woman she was baptized and became a member of the Mennonite Church. She married a Mr. Schutz. Time not given. To them was born:

I—Mary, November, 1884, Sixth Generation, No other word received.

B—Elias Geiger, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Elias was initiated to this life August 26, 1863. He has only a district school education. He was married to a Miss Lehman. Time not given, nor her birth and their church relation. To them were born at Bluffton, Ohio:

I—Pearl L., November 20, 1892, Sixth Generation.

II—Cora May, December 16, 1895, Sixth Generation.

III—Carl B., January 14, 1902, Sixth Generation.

C—Emma Geiger, Althaus, Fifth Generation.

Emma entered the path of life December 9, 1865. She obtained a rural school training. She married Jacob Althaus March 21, 1889. By baptism both became members of the Mennonite Church, he on April 21, 1886, and she April 20, 1887. He was born July 1, 1864. No other word from them. Their children are:

I—Elma Estella Althaus, Winkler, Sixth Generation, Lima, Ohio.

Elma E. began her pilgrimage December 18, 1890, and was initiated into the Mennonite Church March 25, 1910. She married Wilbert Winkler May 23, 1916. He was born May 27, 1892, and by baptism became a member of the Mennonite Church. He died August 16, 1921. To them were born two sons who died in infancy, November 1, 1916, and June 14, 1918. She was married again with F. I. Danner, November 19, 1922. He was born November 24, 1882, and baptized as an infant in the Lutheran Church. To them was born a daughter November 5, 1924 and died the same day. They live in Lima, Ohio.

II—Viola Mae Althaus, Sixth Generation, Wooster, Ohio.

Viola M. entered this life March 1, 1893. By baptism she became a member of the Mennonite Church March 25, 1910.

III—Angelina Althaus, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Angelina came to being June 3, 1902, and was baptized a Mennonite May 5, 1918.

IV—Oscar Jacob Althaus, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Oscar J. was born August 10, 1905, and received membership in the Mennonite Church April 18, 1920.

V—Edgar Carl Althaus, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Edgar C. was born May 24, 1910, and was baptized into the Mennonite Church June 28, 1925.

D—Mary Geiger, Bixel, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Mary commenced her walk of life November 2, 1872. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church April, 1890. She gave her hand in marriage to Elias Bixel, September 20, 1899. He was born March 9, 1872, and by baptism joined the Mennonite Church when she did. To them were born the following who all belong to the Ebenezer Mennonite Church by baptism, near Pandora, Ohio, viz.:

I—Renel Emerson Bixel, Sixth Generation, Mail Clerk, Bluffton, Ohio.

Renel E. was born January 12, 1901. Baptized April 2, 1915. Graduated from Bluffton high school May, 1919. He is a mail clerk.

II—Harold Edwin Bixel, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Harold was born December 27, 1907. Baptized April 6, 1922. Graduated from Richland Twp. high school May 22, 1925, and is now a student in Bluffton College.

E—Sarah Geiger, Althaus, Fifth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Sarah was born May 22, 1875. She married Albert Althaus, January 17, 1899. He was born September 5, 1874. By baptism both united with the Ebenezer Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, she in April, 1893, and he in April, 1896. They are farmers. To them were born:

I—Irean Cleora Althaus, Hall, Sixth Generation.

Irean C. entered this life November 13, 1899. She was baptized and admitted to the Ebenezer Mennonite Church April 10, 1914. She married Lloyd Dale Hall March 23, 1924. To them was born:

1—Roger Eugene, February 23, 1925, Seventh Generation.

II—Loran Edgar Althaus, Sixth Generation.

Loran E. began this life May 6, 1901. He was initiated into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church by baptism April 23, 1916. He married Nellie Wood, October 12, 1924. To their home came:

1—Gilbert Dennis, April 8, 1925, Seventh Generation.

III—Henry C. Althaus, Sixth Generation.

Henry C. came to be, March 3, 1904, and became a member of his parents' church by baptism April 18, 1919.

IV—Lela Margaret Althaus, Sixth Generation.

Lela M. entered life's path August 26, 1907, and by baptism became a member of her parents' church April 16, 1922. She is a graduate from the Columbus Grove high school, May, 1925.

V—Christmas Carl Althaus, Sixth Generation.

Christmas C. was born December 25, 1913, and is now in school.

## SECTION II.

### John Welty (Wälty), Third Generation, 1787-1855.

John, son of Nicklaus, was born in 1787, at Leuenberg, Canton Basel, Switzerland. He married Christina Gerber of Oberhulern Society, Langnau, Canton Bern, in 1815. Her father was Peter Gerber (later Bishop). Mother's name was Barbara Boeger of Langnau. Early in married life John moved from Leuenberg to Jacob Welty, his father's brother, at Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmental, Obt. Barus, Canton Bern, and bought his farm, and appurtenances thereof. Here, John and his wife lived happily, though not rich. In 1846 Christian Welty (son of Peter Welty, cousin to John) when 21 years old, resident of Wayne Co., Ohio, made a six months' visit to many relatives in Switzerland, including this John Welty. He gave such a glowing account of America's opportunities that four of John's children, John, Peter, Verena (Baumgartner) and Matthias purposed to go with Christian to America. But their father protested, saying, "Bueba, buela, dir muesst nit alles glube, was er seit; das cha nit wahr si, was er seit." But he could not restrain them. They immigrated with Christian to America in 1846. In 1855 (April) as Fredrick Welty of Bluffton, Ohio, reported to his nephew, S. H. Baumgartner, in 1902, his parents with the rest of their children, except Barbara, also came to America, settling in Allen Co., Ohio, near Bluffton, where John and Peter lived. John B. Welty of Berne, Ind., reported to S. H. B. that land at that time in Switzerland decreased 50 per cent. in value, due largely to the great exodus of Swiss people to the United States. Father John already took sick and died in Sept., 1855, 68 years old. She continued to live with her children in Ohio, mostly with her son John, where she passed away at the age of 97 years and 3 months. She had a remarkable constitution, did manual labor within a few years of her death. To this union were born at the place above given as their residence in Switzerland:


John Welty .....Apr. 18, 1817. See chap. I, Page 50
Barbara Anna Welty, Badertscher..Jun. 5, 1819. See chap. II, Page 97
Peter Welty .....Jan. 24, 1822. See chap. III, Page 109
Verena Welty, Baumgartner.....Apr. 25, 1824. See chap. IV, Page 121
Matthias Welty .....Mar. 3, 1826. See chap. V, Page 142
Christian Welty .....Jun. 18, 1828. See chap. VI,
(Christian died as a young man. Date not known. No chapter on his life.)
Frederick Welty .....Feb. 13, 1831. See chap. VII, Page 145
Elizabeth Welty, Sutter.....Aug. 24, 1832. See chap. VIII, Page 179

Ulrich Welty .....May 19, 1835. See chap. IX, Page 193
John Ulrich Welty .....Dec. 3, 1837. See chap. X, Page 199

They reared their children in the fear of God, according to their religious belief. That they succeeded quite well is evidenced by the fact that all espoused the Christian religion.

## CHAPTER I.

### John Welty, Fourth Generation, 1817-1898.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN WELTY

John was born Apr. 18, 1817, in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmental, Canton Bern, Switzerland. His education was limited. In 1846 he came to America with his family and settled in Putnam Co., Ohio, in a settlement of Swiss people. Here he remained an honored citizen to his death, May 25, 1898. He married Maria Gerber in 1834, who was born Apr. 18, 1814 in la Chaux de Fonds, Canton Neuenburg, Switzerland. His death resulted from dropsy and asthma, after a long siege of suffering. He was survived by 12 children, 84 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; 10 grandchildren preceded him in death. She died on Sept. 29, 1883. Their bodies were laid to rest in the cemetery by St. John's Mennonite Church, where they were members. Together they shared the toils and sorrows, as well as the joys of pioneer life for 54 years. In stature both were stoutly built, with full faces, graced with smiles. His head was covered with a mass of curly hair. They cheerfully bore their hardships, and by industry and economy secured to themselves, and their children, a home and comfortable living. Here he bought low, wet and heavily timbered, but fertile land. After removal of the timber, and thorough surface and underdrainage, he had one of the best productive farms in his community. Mrs. Welty was a very genial woman, devoted to her family for whom she made great sacrifices, and was beloved in her vicinity. Gardening, helping in the harvest fields, sewing for a large family, poultry raising, butter and cheese making

and scores of other home duties kept her hands very busy. But with all that she was happy and contented in her sphere. To them were born:

**A—Frederick Lewis Gottlieb Welty, Fifth Generation, 1838-1921.**

Fredrick L. G. began his life in Canton Bern, Switzerland, May 12, 1838. When about eight years old he came to America with his parents, near Bluffton, Ohio. Here he went to rural school. As a young man he devoted much time and energy in general farm work, common to early pioneer life. Farming was his vocation. When 19 years old he was baptized and received into the Swiss Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, remaining an honored member until death, June 13, 1921. He was married to Elizabeth Steiner, June 1, 1865, in Kent Co., Mich. Here they lived until 1884, when they moved to Kansas. They celebrated their golden wedding June 1, 1915. She was born Aug. 15 1845. She now lives in the West, mostly in Oregon with children. To this union issued the following children:

**I—Mary Ann Welty, Vetter, Sixth Generation, Newton, Kans., 431 W. 6th St**

Mary A. entered this life in Putnam Co., Ohio, May 13, 1866. She received a common school education in Kent Co., Mich. She was married to Henry J. Vetter, Aug. 30, 1887, at Halstead, Kans. She was baptized and received into the Christian Mennonite Church at Moundridge, Kans., May 5, 1893. He is a life insurance agent. He was born in Germany in 1861, and is a member of the same church she is since 1894. To this union were born:

**1—Carl Henry Vetter, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.**

Carl Henry was born May 20, 1888, Halstead, Kans. He was married to Millie Lagree, Moundridge, Kans. She was born May 10, 1889. To them were born in Moundridge, Kans.:

a—Harold Curtis, Nov. 13, 1914, Eighth Generation.

b—Joyce Winefred, Jan. 9, 1917, Eighth Generation.

**2—Harrison Geo. Vetter, Seventh Generation, Moundridge Kans.**

Harrison Geo. was born at Halstead, Kans., Dec. 16, 1889. He was married to Fay Kastner at Moundridge, Kans. She was born Aug. 29, 1892. To them was born at Moundridge, Kans.:

a—Pauline Reed, May 2, 1917, Eighth Generation.

3—Della Elizabeth Vetter, died 10 months old.

4—Helen Virginia Vetter, Sharp, Seventh Generation.

Helen V. was born at Moundridge, Kans., Nov. 27, 1892, and was married to Sherville Sharp. He was born in England, June 20, 1892. Time of marriage not given.

5—Kate Lilly Vetter, Graber, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.

Kate L. was born at Moundridge, Kans., Nov. 29, 1894, and married Rudolph Graber of this place who was born June 10, 1893. To them were born:

Eighth Generation

a—James Wilbur, Aug. 27, 1920. b—Kathleen Glennis, Dec. 10, 1922.
c—Randall Kay, Oct. 30, 1925.

6—Lydia Vern Vetter was born at Moundridge, Kans., Sept. 28, 1896, Seventh Generation.

7—Esther May Vetter, Brown, Seventh Generation, Lawrence, Kans.

Esther M. was born at Moundridge, Kans., Dec. 1, 1898, and was married to Albert C. Brown of Halstead, Kans. He was born Sept. 26, 1899. To them were born at Lawrence, Kansas.:

a—Benjamin Homer, June 26, 1923, Eighth Generation.
b—Carolyne Ruth, Feb. 23, 1925, Eighth Generation.

8—Homer John Vetter, Seventh Generation.

Homer J. was born at Moundridge, Kans., Aug. 1, 1901, and was married to Esther Brown, of Halstead, Kans. She was born Jan. 2, 1902.

9—Ruthe Freda Dee Vetter, born at Moundridge, Kans., Sept. 14, 1903, Seventh Generation.

10—Bonnie Dee Vetter, born at Moundridge, Kans., July 18, 1909, Seventh Generation.

11—John H. Welty, Sixth Generation. Hunter, Okla. Farmer.

John H. was born in Kent Co., Mich., Nov. 9, 1867. He has only a rural school education. He follows farming. He received Christian baptism and church membership in the Mennonite Church at Christian, Kans., in 1891. Later his membership was transferred to Moundridge, Kans. In 1884 he moved from Michigan to Kansas, later to Oklahoma. He was married to Mary Virginia Johndrow at Hunter, Okla., Aug. 15, 1903. She was born July 25, 1882. He has had a hard life. When 18 years old he became blood poisoned, from which he recovered apparently after four

years' duration. But in 1920 his ankle broke out again with a tubercular trouble which greatly hinders him in his work. To them were born in Hunter, Okla.:

1—Mae Lovina, Jan. 13, 1905, Seventh Generation.

2—Frank C., Aug. 9, 1907, Seventh Generation.

3—Irene, Aug. 4, 1914, Seventh Generation.

**III—Reuben David Welty, Sixth Generation, Carpenter, Enid, Okla.**

Reuben D. was born in Kent Co., Mich., Jan. 18, 1869. He has a common school education. He farmed for 35 years at Mt. Hope, Kans., and at Hunter, Okla. With farming he also did carpenter work. He received admission into the Christian Mennonite Church by baptism in 1896 at Mt. Hope, Kans. Later he transferred his membership to Hunter, Okla. The church has honored him with the offices of deacon and elder, and S. S. superintendency and S. S. teacher. He was united in wedlock with Carrie Peltz in 1897, in Reno Co., Kans. She was born Dec. 18, 1875, in Babelstein, Russia. They live at University Station, Enid, Okla. To them were born:

**1—Otto Reuben Welty, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Hunter, Okla.**

Otto R. was born at Hunter, Okla., Jan. 18, 1899. He went through high school, Enid, Okla., and the Phillips University in 1918-19, and Kansas University in 1920-21. Since then he followed farming near Hunter. Here he received by baptism membership in the Christian Mennonite Church, in 1909, and belongs to the church orchestra. As a World War veteran he received his training in the Enid Camp, rank S. A. T. C., and was discharged Dec. 18, 1919. He was joined in marriage to Blanche Brentnall, Oct. 21, 1921, in Enid, Okla. She was born Apr. 6, 1899, in Cleveland, Okla., where she attended public schools, and graduated from the Phillips University in 1921, with an A. B. degree. In 1908 she united with this church in her native town, but now transferred to the same church in Hunter. Into their domicile came:

a—Romona B., Mar. 27, 1923, Eighth Generation.

**2—Lillian C. Welty, Seventh Generation, Teacher, Henessey, Okla.**

Lillian C. entered life's pathway near Hunter, Okla., Dec. 17, 1901. She graduated from Phillips U. high school, and Phillips University, thus laid a good foundation for usefulness in life. She is now teaching in the Lacy consolidated high school in Henessey, Okla. So far she has traveled the single path of life.

### IV—William W. Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Moundridge, Kans.

William W. entered the arena of life in Kent Co., Mich., Jan. 18, 1871. He only attended rural school. He is a farmer. He received membership by baptism, Mar. 26, 1894, in the Christian Mennonite Church, Moundridge, Kans. He served the church two years as trustee. He made a Pacific coast trip and one to Chicago, Ill. He entered the marriage bond with Mary E. Krehbiel in 1895. She was born July 30, 1877, and baptized and received into the Mennonite Church May 21, 1893. To them were born at Moundridge, Kans.:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Albert E., Mar. 28, 1896.
2—Walter H., Apr. 22, 1898.
3—Nelson F., Nov. 22, 1901.
4—Geshord M., Apr. 1, 1903.
5—Harry E., Feb. 3, 1905.
6—Juentin L., Feb. 12, 1907.
7—Hebert W., Dec. 25, 1908.
8—Wileta M., Sept. 20, 1910.
9—Ralph G., Aug. 6, 1912.
10—Kenneth M., Jan. 30, 1915.
11—Mary Eliza, July 20, 1917.

### V—Amos Welty, Sixth Generation.

Amos was born Feb. 20, 1873, and grew to manhood. He died Dec. 5, 1904.

### VI—Lewis M. Welty, Sixth Generation, Hunter, Okla.

Lewis M. was born Sept. 13, 1875. His address is Hunter, Okla. No further word.

### VII—Malinda S. Welty, Shull, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Lankershim, Calif.

Malinda S. was born at Dutton, Kent Co., Mich., Jan. 24, 1878. She received a common school education at Hunter, Okla. Here she married Charles E. Shull, Apr. 12, 1898. He was born July 22, 1875, and joined the M. E. Church, when 18 years old. He is a farmer. They now live at Lankershim, Calif. To them were born:

#### 1—Clarence E. Shul', Seventh Generation, Texhoma, Okla. Co., Tex., Farmer.

Clarence E. was born May 10, 1899. He attended only common school. He was married to Lillian Nitzel at Red Cloud, Nebr., Sept. 24, 1918. He farms at Texhoma, Oklahoma Co., Tex. To them were born:

a—Virginia, Oct. 6, 1922, Eighth Generation, died Jan. 6, 1923.

b—Dale Eugene, Mar. 12, 1924, Eighth Generation.

2—Lillian B. Shull, Scatt, Seventh Generation, Lankershim, Calif.

Lillian B. entered the path of life July 22, 1901. She attended common and high school. She gave her hand in marriage to Geo. E. Scatt, Sept. 18, 1920, at Los Angeles, Calif. They live in Lankershim, Calif. To their home came:

a—Geo. Edw., June 13, 1921, Eighth Generation.

3—Walter H. Shull, Seventh Generation, U. S. Naval Service.

Walter H. began his trial of life Apr. 22, 1903. He received a good education. On Feb. 14, 1923, he joined the U. S. Navy, rate, first class. He made a round trip to Australia, one to Cuba via Panama Canal and return. In 1924 he made a trip to China expecting to be transferred to the submarine base for the remainder of the four years' cruise.

4—Lester E., July 15, 1905, Seventh Generation.

5—Ellis E., Apr. 26, 1908, Seventh Generation.

6—Sadie Marie, Oct. 25, 1915, Seventh Generation.

7—Ernest Lee, Dec. 31, 1918, Seventh Generation.

VIII—Alexander Andrew Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Hunter, Okla.

Alexander A. was born at Dutton, Kent Co., Mich., Mar. 24, 1880. He attended district school. He has farmed 24 years near Hunter, Okla. He married Bertha A. Ropp of Haven, Kans., Oct. 17, 1911, where she was born Oct. 13, 1885. She was baptized as an infant in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and joined it in 1900. To them are born in Hunter, Okla.:

1—Cleo, Dec. 19, 1912, Seventh Generation.

2—Wilbert, Feb. 15, 1914, Seventh Generation.

3—Eldon, Sept. 14, 1916, Seventh Generation.

IX—Fred Nelson Welty, Sixth Generation.

Fred N. was born Mar. 22, 1882, and departed this life, Sept. 13, 1895.

X—Sadie Levina Welty, Folkers, Sixth Generation, 1105 E. Wyoming Ave., Elpaso, Tex., R. R. Employee.

Sadie L. was born at Dutton, Kent Co., Mich., June 30, 1884 She went to Sunny Side school at Hunter. Here she was baptized and received into the Christian Mennonite Church, Nov., 1912. Married John Folkers at Elpaso, Texas., March, 1915, where he works for the S. P. R. R. Co. She traveled in Mo., Calif., Kans. and Ohio. To them were born at Elpaso, Tex.:

1—W. J., in 1916, Seventh Generation.

2—Juanita, in 1917, Seventh Generation.

3—Wm. and Maud, twins, in 1918, Seventh Generation.

### B—John Ulrich Welty, Fifth Generation, 1839.

John U. was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 4, 1839. In 1846, with his parents, he came to America and was raised in Putnam Co., Ohio. Here he attended rural school. Early in manhood he was received by baptism into the Mennonite Church. When a young man he had to put in much of his time in clearing, ditching and general farm work. He was married to Katharina Thut ——————. She was born in Holmes Co., Ohio. They both died two and one-half miles east of Pandora, Ohio. Time of their death was not reported. To them were born:

### I—Amos U. Welty, Sixth Generation, Dairy Farming, Crivitz, Wis.

Amos U. was born Oct. 4, 1868. He attended Beech Tree and Mulberry district schools. He runs a dairy farm near Crivitz, Wis. In 1893, by baptism he became a member of the Old Mennonite Church in Putnam Co., Ohio. He has served as S. S. teacher. In 1907 he moved to Wisconsin, where he continued his dairy work. He traveled some for gaining better dairy knowledge. He was married to Margaret E. Sutter, Aug. 12, 1894, in Putnam Co., Ohio. They are the parents of.

### 1—Philbert Welty, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Crivitz, Wis.

Philbert entered the scene of action June 12, 1895. Besides rural school he attended the Stephens Training School at Marrinette, Wis., in 1912, to study the work of herdsmen. Then he was herdsman, farmer and bookkeeper for 12 years at Livingston and Crivitz, Wis. Now he just farms. He was baptized and received into the Lutheran Church at Manville, Wis., May 19, 1921. He is a World War veteran, trained in a camp at Chicago, where he became Corporal in the Tank Corps. He was overseas eight months, but never to the front. He was discharged July 19, 1919. He was united in marriage with Valborg K. Anderson at Manville, Wis., Dec. 29, 1919, where she was born May 30, 1893, and graduated here in the high school, and in the Stephens Training School. Then she taught school for some years. To them is born:

a—Fredrick Amos, Dec. 29, 1920, Eighth Generation.

### 2—Milton Welty, Seventh Generation, Dairying, Crivitz, Wis.

Milton arrived in the world July 18, 1897. Besides common school he attended the Stephens Training School at Marrinette, Wis., where he graduated in 1915. After this he ran a dairy farm, having continued ten years at Crivitz and Livingston, Wis., and Martinsville, Ind.

3—Sadie Welty, Lewis, Seventh Generation, 213 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Sadie entered the walk of life Mar. 21, 1900. She only has a common school education. Housekeeping is her employment. She was married to Albert J. Lewis Oct. 24, 1920. He was born July 9, 1884. Belongs to German Lutheran Church. He is a chauffeur. To them is born:

a—Leo J., Aug. 5, 1922, Eighth Generation.

4—Vera Welty, Meyers, Seventh Generation, Crivitz, Wis.

Vera was born Mar. 18, 1902. She has a common school education. She attended the Stephens Training School at Marrinette, Wis., one term. She was married to Joseph Meyers, Oct. 31, 1923, at Menominee, Wis. To them was born at Marrinette, Wis.

a—Donald Wm., Mar. 11, 1924, Eighth Generation.

5—Homer Welty, Seventh Generation, Niagara, Wis.

Homer was initiated to this life Mar. 14, 1904. He has a common school education. He is a laborer in a paper mill in Niagara, Wis.

6—Katharine Welty, Seventh Generation, 327 N. Kensington Ave., Lagrange, Ill., Stenographer.

Katharine was born Aug. 29, 1906. For three years she attended the Stephens Training School, Marrinette, Wis., then one year at the State Normal at Oshkosh, Wis., and three months at Lagrange, Ill., Business College, where she graduated in the summer of 1925. She is now employed as stenographer for Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago, Ill.

7—Clyde Welty, Seventh Generation, Crivitz, Wis., Farmer.

Clyde was born Sept. 6, 1909. He has a public school education. He is at home farming.

8—Alice Welty, Seventh Generation, born Oct. 3, 1913, and is in the 6th grade school.

II—Menno J. Welty, Sixth Generation, Carpenter and Farmer, Reedley, Calif.

Menno J. was born Sept. 12, 1870. He has a rural school education. His employment is carpentering and farming. Been thus engaged for 30 years in Ohio, Eugene, Ore.; Ritzville, Wash.; Reedley, Calif.; and Tuxpan, O. Mexico. At present he is a carpenter and grape drum packer in Reedley, Calif. He has traveled across western U. S. nine times from Oregon to California via the Pacific ocean, and to O. Mexico three times and once to Canada. He married Anna Schrag, Feb. 28, 1895, at Eugene,

Ore. She was born Apr. 12, 1874, at Waldheim, Russia, but is of Swiss parentage. She came to America with her parents in 1879 when 4 years old, and settled in S. Dak., but later went to Oregon, where she received her education, and joined the Mennonite Church at Irving, Ore., on Good Friday, 1891. To them were born:

### 1—Delbert E. Welty, Seventh Generation, Reedley, Calif.

Delbert E. was born in Elmira, Ore., Feb. 24, 1896. He is a graduate from the Union H. S., Reedley, Calif., 1916, and from the Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, in 1921 with an A. B. degree, and from the Bible Institute in Los Angeles, in June, 1925. He taught school one term in Salem, Ind., and one in Reedley, Calif., and is in some business during summer months. By baptism he was initiated into the Mennonite Church at Reedley, Apr. 12, 1914, in which he has served as S. S. secretary; and has been doing street and shop mission work among the Chinese in Los Angeles for 18 months. In the World War he took training at Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., at Kelly Field, Texas, at Camp Alfred Vail, N. J., Langley Field, Va., and Chillicothe, Ohio. He was a private in the Aviation branch, Camp Morrison, Va. At Camp Chillicothe he received his discharge January 1, 1919. Since then he has farmed in Oregon, Washington and California. He also visited Niagara Falls, and the Hudson River, N. Y. His home address is Reedley, Calif.

### 2—Lawrence Welty, Seventh Generation, Shipper, Reedley, Calif.

Lawrence entered life at Dallas, Ore., Jan. 16, 1899. He has a high school education, received at Reedley, Calif. He is now in the shipping department of the Jadson Mfg. Co. He received baptism and admission into the First Mennonite Church at Reedley, Calif., Apr. 13, 1919. With his parents he has lived at Pandora, Ohio; Ritzville, Wash.; Tuxpan, Tex.; in Old Mexico; Reedley and Los Angeles, Calif. He is yet single.

### 3—Leonard B. Welty, Seventh Generation, Reedley, Calif.

Leonard B. was born at Menno, Wash., Feb. 1, 1901. After attending high school at Reedley, he entered Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, where he graduated with an A. B. degree, June 8th, 1923. Then he taught in the St. Marys, Ohio, high school. By baptism he was inducted into the First Mennonite Church at Reedley, Calif., Apr. 12, 1919. He has made two tours from Washington to Old Mexico, and four to Ohio. His home address is 1257 South Ave., Reedley, Calif

### III—Elias Welty, Sixth Generation, Salesman, Lima, Ohio.

Elias entered life's arena near Pandora, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1874. He has a common school education. By baptism he was made a member of the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, at the age of 19 years. The church has honored him with the office of a deacon. He espoused married life with Elizabeth Amstutz, Oct. 14, 1897, at Pandora, Ohio. She was born Aug. 26, 1873. They now live in Lima, Ohio. She was received into the same church he was when 18 years old. She has been in charge of the Cradle Roll Department. To them are born near Pandora, Ohio:

### 1—Orrin S. Welty, Seventh Generation, Insurance Salesman, Lima, Ohio.

Orrin S. came into being Aug. 5, 1898. He attended public school at Pandora and high school at Lima, Ohio. He also attended Northern University, Ada, Ohio. He has been for seven years a salesman partly in Lima, Toledo, and Cleveland, Ohio. At present he works for the Western Union Life Insurance Co. He was baptized and received into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1914. He entered World War service at Ada, Ohio, as a private in service S. A. T. C. He was not called abroad. He received his discharge at this camp, Dec. 24, 1918. He was married to Fairy Wanda Cramer of Lima, Ohio, June 20, 1919. She was born in Lima, Ohio, Nov. 25, ——, where she was educated. Then for some time she was sales lady in a store. She was baptized in 1914, and joined church in which she has been a S. S. teacher. To their home has come:

a—Norma June, Oct. 28, 1921, Eighth Generation.
b—Orrin Jay, Dec. 31, 1923, Eighth Generation.

### 2—Katharine Welty, Coon, Seventh Generation, Lima, Ohio, Clerical.

Katharine was born Sept. 1, 1901, near Pandora, Ohio, where she also attended public school. She graduated from the Lima high school in 1919. Here she was bookkeeper for six years, two years in the Lima Boston Store, where she is now office manager. She was baptized and joined the First Congregational Church in Lima, Ohio, in 1917, where she has been S. S. teacher and treasurer of the Young Ladies' Society. She entered married life with Carl L. Coon at Lima, Ohio, May 15, 1921, where he was born in 1899, and educated, graduating from the high school in 1917. He has been doing office work for seven years in the R. L. Graham Co. He also was baptized in 1923 and belongs to the same church she does. He is financial secretary in the Young People's Society.

### 3—Dorothy Elizabeth Welty, Patrick, Seventh Generation, 8100 Lake Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dorothy E. entered the earthly career Oct. 23, 1903. She graduated from the Lima Central high school in 1921. Then for two years she was stenographer in the Cleveland Metal Roofing and Ceiling Co., of Cleveland, Ohio. She is a member of the First Congregational Church in Lima, Ohio. She gave her hand in marriage to Robert James Patrick, Nov. 27, 1922, at Monroe, Mich. He was born in Lima, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1903, and graduated from the Bluffton high school in 1920, and from the International Correspondence School in 1922 as an electrical engineer. He also studied as cost accountant in the Union Institute of Business of Cleveland, Ohio. Since then he has been accountant in the Ohio Electric Ry. Co., in Lima, Ohio; Cleveland Ry. Co.; and the E. F. Hauserman Co., Cleveland, Ohio. He was baptized Nov., 1905, in the St. John's Reformed Church at Bluffton, Ohio, and joined the church in April, 1920. While in school he was a member of the Bluffton football and basket-ball teams and cheer-leader in 1920. He wrote the class will for commencement class play and was an active boy scout worker and patrol leader.

### 4—Elmer Welty, Seventh Generation

Elmer started on his race in life Sept. 1, 1906. He received his education in the Lima schools. When 12 years old he joined the First Congregational Church here and was also baptized.

### 5—Ruth Marie Welty, Seventh Generation.

Ruth M. found a welcome to this world Oct. 30, 1908. She obtained her education in the Lima schools. At the age of 12 years she was baptized and united with the First Congregational Church. She has been secretary of the S. S. for two years.

### 6—Ladihlia Welty, Seventh Generation.

Ladihlia was born Oct. 22, 1910. She is now a scholar in the Lima Central high school. When nine years old she was baptized and admitted into the First Congregational Church here, where she is president of the Young People's class.

### IV—Elizabeth Welty, Hilty, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Elizabeth was born Feb. 10, 1878. She has a common schooling. By baptism she united with the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1894. She was married to Albert B. Hilty, Nov. 21, 1876. They have farmed for 25 years near Pandora, Ohio. He was baptized and joined her church in

1895. They made a pleasure trip to Calif. To them were born in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio:

1—Raymond W. Hilty, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Raymond W. began his struggles in life Oct. 10, 1902. After finishing common and Pandora high schools, he entered Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, then Bowling Green State Normal, and one year in a California school, where he also traveled for pleasure. Then he taught a Riley Tp. school for two years. By baptism he united with the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, June 9, 1918. Here he served as S. S. teacher, as C. E. president, and was County S. S. secretary, and C. E. president. He is still single.

2—An infant son was born in 1904.

3—Laoma K. Hilty, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Laoma K. entered this life Oct. 29, 1906. She finished the public schools and is now pursuing a course in Bluffton College. She was received by baptism into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, May 16, 1920, and has been a S. S. teacher and president of the Intermediate C. E. Society. She attended one year the Reedley, Calif., high school.

4—Arvilla Susan Hilty, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Arvilla S. began her life's mission Feb. 22, 1910. She is now in the Pandora high school. By baptism she was admitted into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 20, 1924. She has been Junior C. E. president.

5—Lawrence John Hilty, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Lawrence J. entered life's arena Aug. 26, 1912. He is in public school. He is Jr. C. E. president and treasurer.

V—William Welty, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Farmer.

William was born near Pandora, Ohio, June 3, 1880. He attended district school No. 10. He has been a life long farmer. He visited the World's Fair at St. Louis, Mo., and made eight trips to western states. He married Ella Lena Bracy, October 10, 1907. She has a common education. By baptism she was taken into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1905. At this place she was born Apr. 11, 1886. To them were born in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, where they all attended district school No. 10, namely:

### Seventh Generation

1—Clayton John, July 17, 1908, and baptized in 1922.

2—Viola Marie, Mar. 3, 1910, and baptized in 1924.

3—Francis Edgar, Oct. 11, 1912. 4—Lavema Emerson, July 24, 1915.

5—Margery Opel, Aug. 20, 1917. 6—William Wilber, Oct. 21, 1919.

7—Raymond Jesse, May 25, 1921.

### VI—Aldine J. Welty, Sixth Generation, Salesman, Lima, Ohio.

Aldine J. came to be, at Pandora, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1883. He finished district and Pandora high school. After further school equipment he taught school six years with success. Then he engaged in factory work in Menno, Wash. Later in Pandora and Lima, Ohio, for 14 years. Now he is a salesman residing in Lima, Ohio. He joined the Grace Mennonite Church by baptism in May, 1904, where he served as S. S superintendent for seven years, as teacher eight years, as Young People's president four years. For pleasure and education he made a trip to the Pacific coast, two trips to New York City, and Washington, D. C. He was united in marriage with Mary E. Amstutz at Pandora, Ohio, June 25, 1908. Here she was born April 7, 1886. She received a common school education. At the age of 17 years, she was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church. To them were born at Pandora, Ohio:

#### 1—Clyde D. Welty, Seventh Generation.

Clyde was born June 15, 1909. He finished Pandora graded school and is now in the Lima high school.

2—Leland J. Welty, Seventh Generation, was born Dec. 2, 1914, and is now in the Lima graded school.

### C—Abraham Welty, Fifth Generation, 1840-1922.

Abraham came to this world in Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1840. When six years old he came to America with his parents, settling in Putnam Co., Ohio. Here he attended district school. As a youth he did much hard work according to the run of pioneer life. Later he learned the carpenter trade and worked at it in Ohio, New York and Oregon. For a while he clerked in a hardware store in Bluffton, Ohio. He received Christian baptism and membership in the Swiss Mennonite Church near Pandora, when he was a young man. He was married to Magdalena Niswander in 1873. He died June 17, 1922. To them were born near Bluffton, Ohio:

1—Florence and Adam Welty. Both died. Time of birth and death not reported.

### D—Christian Welty, Fifth Generation, 1843-1916.



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTIAN WELTY

Christian was born in Switzerland, Oct. 5, 1843. In 1846 he came to America with his parents. He was reared near Pandora, Ohio, where he attended district school. On June 26, 1867, he was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church. He married Mary Ann Klay Dec. 23, 1869. She was born April 5, 1845, and was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church Jan. 15, 1868. She departed this life Jan. 24, 1893, and he Dec. 28, 1916. They experienced many hardships incident to pioneer life. To them were born near Bluffton, Ohio:

#### I—John D. Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer and Mechanic.

John D. began his race of life, Dec. 31, 1870. He attended the "Hickory" district school. For 36 years he followed farming, carpenter and mason work in Putnam, Allen Co., Ohio. When 20 years old he was baptized and joined the St. John's Mennonite Church. He made a trip to the Pacific coast, remaining for some time in Oregon. He was wedded to Mary Schaublin Feb. 25, 1896, at the home of Rev. Zimmerly, Putnam Co., Ohio. She was born Aug. 13, 1874, in Allen Co., Ohio. She only attended district school. When 16 years old she was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church. She died at the age of 36 years. John again married, choosing Mrs. Mary Lehman Bucher of Missouri. His children with his first wife were all born in Putnam Co., Ohio, namely:

##### 1—Lulu Anna Welty, Seventh Generation.

Lulu A. was born Dec. 19, 1896, and died in the bloom of womanhood in 1912.

##### 2—Daniel Lee Welty, Seventh Generation, Laborer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Daniel L. was born June 24, 1898. He only attended district school. He is a general laborer. No church membership given. He married Farey Palmer of Bluffton, Ohio, Apr. 15, 1920. At their home at Bluffton, Ohio, were born:

a—Evan Merl, Mar. 5, 1922, Eighth Generation.
b—Virginia Elaine, Dec. 15, 1924, Eighth Generation.

Seventh Generation

3—Lillian M., Dec. 29, 1901.
4—Adaline, Apr. 29, 1903.
5—Harry J., Oct. 14, 1904.
6—Ella, Oct. 1, 1906.
7—Elvina G., May 24, 1908. Died in 1911.

### II—Gideon Welty, Sixth Generation, Salem, Ore., Farmer.

Gideon was born near Bluffton, Ohio, June 29, 1872. He only attended district school. For four years he was carpentering in Multnomah and Marion Counties, Oregon. Thereafter he followed farming. He was baptized and received into the Pratum Mennonite Church June 7, 1909. He married Minnie Lichty of Salem, Oregon, Jan. 8, 1901. She was born June 7, 1876, at Salem, Oregon, where they live on a farm. To them were born:

### 1—Theodore Francis Welty, Seventh Generation, Salem, Ore., Truck Driver.

Theodore F. entered life near Silverton, Oregon, Mar. 20, 1902. Besides public school he took a course in Salem Business College to better meet life's duties. Then he learned mechanical work, continuing three years. Now he is a truck driver. Nov. 3, 1923, he was baptized and joined the Church of Christ in Salem. He married Bertha Harvey of Portland, Oregon, Dec. 11, 1922. She was born at Piedmont, Kans., Apr. 10, 1901. To them was born:

a—Maxin Theo., 1925, Eighth Generation.

Seventh Generation

2—George Tillman, Mar. 20, 1904.
3—Raleigh Gid., Sept. 30, 1906.
4—Inez Lorene, June 2, 1909.
5—Miles Wash., Feb. 22, 1917.

### III—Barbara Welty, Burry, Sixth Generation, Detroit, Mich.

Barbara was initiated to this life, in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, Sept. 4, 1873. She went to "Hickory" district school. She was baptized in 1899 and united with the St. John's Mennonite Church. She married Albert Burry of Berne, Ind., Nov. 10, 1892, in the afore named church. Later they moved to Detroit, Mich., where he worked in the Ford Motor Co. Here he died Nov. 3, 1920. While in Ohio, he worked for P. P. Welty at Pandora, nine years, then at well-drilling seven years, and farming two years. To them were born:

1—Lennis Burry, Seventh Generation, B. S. Operator, Detroit, Mich.

Lennis was born Nov. 12, 1893. Went to public school at Pandora, Ohio. He belongs to the German Lutheran Church. He is battery station operator. He married Mollie Sarnowsky, July 19, 1919. He served with the U. S. Marines at Haiti, Danish West Indies. To them were born:

Eighth Generation.

a—Blanch, May 11, 1920. b—Robert, Dec. 25, 1921.
c—Charlotte, Dec. 25, 1924.

2—Luciile Burry, Floyd, Seventh Generation, Detroit, Mich.

Lucille entered life's pathway June 29, 1895. She attended school at Pandora, Ohio. She belongs to the M. E. Church in Detroit. She was employed five years at Burrows Adding Co. She married Ira Floyd, May 14, 1921. He is in the hotel business. To them is born:

a—Earl Floyd, Aug. 3, 1925, Eighth Generation.

3—Walter Burry, Seventh Generation, Foreman, Detroit, Mich.

Walter came to this world Feb. 20, 1897. Attended public school at Pandora, Ohio. He belongs to the M. E. Church. He worked for the Semat Salvay Co., three years. He enlisted in Coast Artillery, Mar. 3, 1918. Served in Philippines two years. He is now a foreman in the Ford Motor Co., Detroit, Mich. He was married to Pauline Mullin of Columbus Grove, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1919. They have one child:

a—Cyril Burry, Mar., 1922, Eighth Generation.

4—Edwin Burry, Seventh Generation, Laborer, Detroit, Mich.

Edwin began his trials Sept. 20, 1898. He went to school at Pandora, Ohio. He belongs to the Congregational Church in Detroit, Mich., where he was married to Mable Jones, Sept. 1, 1920. He has worked for the Semat Salvay Co., nine years. To them were born:

Eighth Generation.

a—Grace Loa Burry, Mar. 2, 1923. b—Wm. Ira Burry, Sept. 2, 1924.

5—Zelma Burry, Seventh Generation, Photographer, Detroit, Mich.

Zelma entered the path of life Oct. 9, 1900. She went to public school at Pandora, Ohio. She is a Baptist. She is a photograph finisher.

6—Marie Ann Burry, Seventh Generation.

Marie Ann was born Feb. 19, 1903, and died June 15, 1924.

7—Clayton Raymond Burry, Seventh Generation, Detroit, Mich.

Clayton R. began the race of life May 11, 1905. He attended school at Detroit, Mich. Here he works for the Ford Motor Co., since three years ago.

8—Lester Burry, Seventh Generation, Photography, Detroit, Mich.

Lester commenced his trials June 29, 1907. He attended public school in Detroit, Mich. Here he has been employed for two years as a photograph finisher.

9—Russel Albert Burry, Seventh Generation.

Russel A. entered his earthly life, Nov. 16, 1909, and died Mar. 3, 1923.

10—Pearl Burry, Seventh Generation.

Pearl came on the scene of action Nov. 13, 1911. Attended school at Detroit, Mich.

11—Harold Wm. Burry, Seventh Generation.

Harold W. was born June 5, 1914, and is now in school.

IV and V—Theophilus and Aaron Welty (Twins), Sixth Generation, Carpenter, Toledo, Ohio.

Theophilus and Aaron were born in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, Nov. 9, 1874. The latter soon died. Theophilus attended the "Hickory" district school. He is a carpenter and lives in Toledo, Ohio. He joined the Mennonite Church as a young man, but later transferred his membership to the Church of Christ in Toledo, Ohio. He is married. To them were born in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio:

Seventh Generation

1—Mary Hoffer, Apr. 4, 1915.
2—Robert, Apr. 14, 1917.
3—Ralph, May 31, 1919.
4—Josephine, Apr. 13, 1921.

VI—Edwin Welty, Sixth Generation, Saw-Mill Work, Oregon.

Edwin entered this life Feb. 17, 1877. He attended district school No. 6. For 30 years he has followed farming in Washington and Oregon. He is now in saw-mill work.

VII—Hannah Welty, Sixth Generation.

Hannah was born Sept. 27, 1878. Attended district school No. 10. As a young woman she was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church. She died Feb. 10, 1920, unmarried.

### VIII—Dina Welty, Sixth Generation.

Dina commenced life May 14, 1880. She went to district school No. 10. In early womanhood she was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church.

IX—Martha Welty, Sixth Generation, born Apr. 7, 1882, and died June 26, same year.

### X—Enoch Welty, Sixth Generation, Mechanic, Salem, Ore.

Enoch entered life's pathway, Nov. 29, 1883. He attended rural school. He is a carpenter and painter. He received baptism and reception into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1902. He now lives in Salem, Oregon. Clara Wenger of Pratum, Oregon, became his wife in 1912. She was born in Arggile, Green Co., Wis., July 19, 1886, daughter of Robert and Paulina (Dick) Wenger. She received baptism and admission into the Emmanuel Mennonite Church at Pratum, Oregon, when a young woman. She moved to Oregon in 1888. Their residence is 1730 S. Liberty St., Salem, Ore. To them were born:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Grover L., Apr. 17, 1912. 2—Homer W., Aug. 24, 1913.
3—Ruth E., Aug. 4, 1915.

### XI—Mary Ann Welty, Reichenbach, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Mary A. began her mission on earth Mar. 20, 1885. She attended rural school. In 1903 she was baptized and joined the St. John's Mennonite Church. Her hand was given in marriage to Amos H. Reichenbach of Allen Co., Ohio, in 1904. To their home came:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Stella, Aug. 15, 1905.
2—Margaret, Feb. 20, 1908.*
3—Florence, Apr. 20, 1910.
4—Ray, June 10, 1912.
5—Marie, Mar. 14, 1915.
6—Ulysses, Mar. 31, 1917.
7—Amos, Jr., Sept. 29, 1919.
8—Herbert, Apr. 10, 1922.

*Died Apr. 10, 1915.

### XII—Christian Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Oregon, 1888-1920.

Christian entered upon his earthly career July 21, 1888. He attended district school. As a young man he was baptized and joined the St. John's Mennonite Church. He went to Oregon in 1905. His vocation was farming. He was married to Elva Weaver of Bluffton, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1914. On May 6, 1920, he passed away. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Carold, Aug. 14, 1915.
2—Myron, Apr. 19, 1917.
3—Orin, Nov. 10, 1918.
4—Vera, Apr. 5, 1920.

### E—Verena Welty, Reusser, Fifth Generation, 1845-1902.



Mrs. Abraham Reusser

Verena was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Sept. 28, 1845. With her parents she came to America, locating near Bluffton, Ohio, where she attended school, and was by baptism received into the Swiss Mennonite Church when a young woman. Here she was married to Abraham Reusser of Berne, Adams Co., Ind., in 1868. He was born Jan. 10, 1845, in Wayne Co., Ohio. Later his parents moved to Berne, Ind., where he by baptism united with the Mennonite Church in 1862. Here they lived on a farm until 1876, when they moved to Moundridge, Harvey Co., Kansas, where they joined the Christian Mennonite Church and raised their family in this faith. She was a devoted mother and departed this life Jan. 4, 1902. To this union were born:

#### I—Lydia Reusser, Goebel, Sixth Generation, Moundridge, Kans.

Lydia was born near Berne, Ind., July 19, 1869. She went to North Garden school in Harvey Co., Kans., near Moundridge, where all children attended. Here, on Oct. 8, 1891, she married Jacob Goebel. Here they lived 33 years on a farm. By baptism she united with the Christian Mennonite Church, Apr. 27, 1884, and served two years as S. S. teacher. He was born Mar. 12, 1868, at Summerfield, Ill., and died at Moundridge, Kans., Dec. 28, 1920, where he had been baptized as a Mennonite May 26, 1881. All their children were born here except the third, fourth and fifth, who were born in Deer Creek, Grant Co., Okla.

#### 1—Gussie Emma Goebel, Lohrentz, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.

Gussie E. came into life Sept. 15, 1892. She first went to Mayflower school in Grant Co., Okla., then to N. Garden school, Harvey Co., Kans. By baptism she became a Christian Mennonite, at Moundridge, Kans., July 26, 1908, where she served as S. S. teacher, as organist, and as treasurer of the Sewing Society. Here she married Henry H. Lohrentz, June 17, 1918. He was born June 23, 1888, at Burton, Harvey Co., Kans., where

he attended rural school. He is a day laborer. He was baptized and received into her church May 18, 1918. In the World War, June 24, 1918, he was called to Camp Funston, Kans. But due to physical disability he was discharged. They have no children.

**2—Ellen Marie Goebel, Voran, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.**

Ellen M. came to earth June 17, 1897. She has a rural schooling. She married Jonas P. Voran, Aug. 22, 1922. He was born Sept. 17, 1896, at Moundridge. Here both were baptized and united with the Christian Mennonite Church. For several years he was S. S. secretary, and teacher, and C. E. S. president. To them was born here:

a—Willis Ray, July 1, 1924, Eighth Generation.

**3—Anna Lydia Goebel, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.**

Anna L. entered life's path Mar. 5, 1900. After completing rural school she entered Moundridge H. S. and graduated May 23, 1919. Then she took a course in nursing and has now been a nurse for three years. By baptism she was admitted into her parents' church Apr. 23, 1916, and has been a S. S. teacher. She walks the single path of life.

**4—Emma Verena Goebel, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.**

Emma V. came into being July 18, 1901. Besides district school she entered and graduated from Halstead H. S., May 18, 1921. She is now clerking in the Star Mercantile Store in Moundridge. By baptism she joined her parents' church May 18, 1918. For two years she served as S. S. teacher and president of the Jr. Mission Society. She is yet single.

**5—Lloyd Lester Goebel, Seventh Generation.**

Lloyd L. was born Dec. 30, 1902. He is an invalid.

**6—Marvin Waldo Goebel, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Moundridge, Kans.**

Marvin W. entered life, Sept. 18, 1904. He has a rural schooling. On May 15, 1921, he was baptized into his parents' church. He is farming.

**7—Welma Avina Goebel, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.**

Welma A. commenced this life May 14, 1906. After completing rural school she attended and graduated from the Halstead H. S., May 28, 1925. She entered the Mennonite Church by baptism, May 15, 1921.

**8—Roland Edw. Goebel, Seventh Generation.**

Roland E. appeared on the scene of action Mar. 14, 1908. He attended school Dist. 51, and was baptized and received into the Christian Mennonite Church May 20, 1923.

### 9—Arle Jacob Goebel, Seventh Generation.

Arle J. commenced his mundane trip Aug. 19, 1909. He goes to school He received baptism and admission to his parents' church May 31, 1925.

### 10—Mildred Ruby Goebel, Seventh Generation.

Mildred R. began her life July 1, 1911. She is attending school.

### II—Sarah Reusser, Krehbiel, Sixth Generation, 1870-1923.

Sarah started life's journey near Berne, Ind., Nov. 24, 1870. She only enjoyed rural schools. She received baptism and membership in the Christian Mennonite Church in 1883, in McPherson Co., Kans. She served as S. S. teacher for some time, and belonged to the Ladies' Sewing Society of the church. She lived in Berne, Ind.; and in Christian, Alta., and Moundridge, Kans. Her occupation was always housework. In 1894 she was married to Jacob Krehbiel at Moundridge, Kans. She died, March 4, 1923. To them were born at Moundridge, Harvey Co., Kans., where also all joined the Christian Mennonite Church:

### 1—Carl S. Krehbiel, Seventh Generation, Trucking, Moundridge, Kans.

Carl S. was born May 25, 1895. After finishing rural school he attended Moundridge high school, one and one-half year. He is trucking. Here he was baptized July 7, 1912. As a World War veteran he was in training in Camp Funston, Kansas, and in a camp at Denver, Colo., rank Q. M. C., where he was discharged Sept. 15, 1919. He was not overseas. He is yet single.

### 2—Roy P. Krehbiel, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Eatonville, Wash.

Roy P. was initiated to this world Dec. 13, 1896. He received his education in public schools and Bethel College, Newton, Kans. He has followed farming at Moundridge for 15 years. Here he received baptism July 7, 1912. In the World War he was in training at Ft. Riley, Kans., and Camp Dodge, Iowa, as a private in the Medical Dept. He received his discharge at Camp Dodge. He was married to Blanch Osborn of Olympia, Wash., Mar. 31, 1925. They reside at Eatonville, Wash.

### 3—Otto Krehbiel, Seventh Generation.

Otto came to this world in 1898. He received rural education, and was baptized and joined the Christian Mennonite Church.

### 4—Orlin Krehbiel, Seventh Generation, Laborer, Tacoma, Wash.

Orlin was born Sept. 22, 1900, and educated in Plain View school, Dist.

117, and Moundridge H. S. He did farming and one year milling in Abaline, Kans., then toiled in a veneer sash and door factory, at Newton, Kans He was baptized Apr. 23, 1916. He has lived in Simpson, Sask.; Freedom, S. D.; but now lives in Tacoma, Wash.

5—Elda Krehbiel, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.

Elda was born Apr. 22, 1902. She attended Plain View school, Dist. 117. She was baptized May 19, 1918.

6—Paul John Krehbiel, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.

Paul J. began his earthly life Jan. 20, 1906. He attended school at Plain View, Dist. 117, and Moundridge H. S., where he is now a senior. He was baptized May 23, 1920.

7—Harold Christian Krehbiel, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.

Harold C. entered the arena of life May 8, 1907. Attended school at Plain View, Dist. 117, and is now in Moundridge H. S. He was baptized May 20, 1923.

8—Frieda Elizabeth Krehbiel, Seventh Generation.

Frieda E. entered this life July 21, 1909. She is now attending Plain View school, Dist. 117. She was baptized May 31, 1925.

III—Anna Reusser, Stuckey, Sixth Generation, Moundridge, Kans.

Anna was born at Berne, Ind., Jan. 29, 1872. She only attended district schools. She received baptism and church membership in the Christian Mennonite Church at Moundridge, Kans., in 1885, where she served for some time as S. S. teacher, and for 25 years she belonged to the Mission and Sewing Society. She was married to Chr. Stuckey, at Moundridge, Kans., Oct. 30, 1892. He was born May 10, 1864. He was a farmer. He died Jan. 15, 1921. To them were born at Moundridge, Kans., where all were, by baptism, united with their parents' church:

1—Herbert Erich Stuckey, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Moundridge, Kans.

Herbert E. was born June 15, 1894. He received a rural education, then he entered Bethel College, Newton, Kans., where he graduated June 7, 1917. He was married at Whitewater, Kans., to Agnes B. Schroeder of Newton, Kans., Nov. 28, 1918. Here she was born Jan. 11, 1895. She was baptized and admitted to membership in the Gnadenberg Mennonite Church May, 1911. He was baptized and admitted into the Christian Mennonite Church Aug. 8, 1910, where he served as S. S. superintendent and as

teacher. He is a farmer at Moundridge. To them were born at Moundridge, Kansas:

a—Melbourn Vernon, June 7, 1919, Eighth Generation.

b—Curtis Lewellyn, Aug. 2, 1921, Eighth Generation.

c—Herbert Bismark, Aug. 20, 1923, Eighth Generation.

**2—Richard Ramond Stuckey, Seventh Generation, Farmer and Teacher, Flun, Kansas.**

Richard R. began his race of life, Feb. 16, 1896. After completing rural school he entered Moundridge H. S. and graduated in 1917. Then he attended Kansas State Agricultural College, graduating in 1924, with a B. S. degree. He now follows farming and teaching at Flun, Kans. He was baptized and admitted to the Christian Mennonite Church July 7, 1912. He was in training for World War service at Camp Funston and Ft. Riley, Kans., as private 1st class in the Medical Dept. He was not overseas. He was discharged from Ft. Riley, Aug. 29, 1919. He traveled in Colorado in 1919 and 1922, and in Utah in 1924. He married Cecil M. Longabaugh, Aug. 24, 1921, at Halifax, Kans. She was born Aug. 20, 1888, at Ruweda, Kans., and graduated from the Eskridge H. S., Kans.; and from University of Kansas in 1913, with an A. B. degree, and an A. M. degree in 1917. Then she taught in high schools in different parts of Kansas. To them were born in Manhattan, Kans.:

a—Richard Randall, Dec. 16, 1923, Eighth Generation.

b—Robert Bruce, May 1, 1925, Eighth Generation.

**3—Emma Astha Stuckey, Seventh Generation, Moundridge, Kans.**

Emma A. appeared on the arena of life Feb. 13, 1899. She finished eighth grade school, and then did domestic work and clerking four years. She was baptized and admitted to the Christian Mennonite Church, May 31, 1914. She has been a S. S. teacher and secretary of the Young People's Society. She is also a member of the Children's Sewing Society for the last eight years. She has made a pleasure trip to Colorado. She is still single.

**4—John Walon Stuckey, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Moundridge, Kans.**

John W. entered this life Jan. 24, 1910. He finished the eighth grade in school May 15, 1925. He is assisting in farming. He was baptized and admitted to the Christian Mennonite Church May 31, 1925.

**IV—Samuel Reusser, Sixth Generation.**

Samuel was born near Berne, Ind., April 26, 1873. With his parents

he moved to Kansas, where he attended district school. No further word from him.

V—Rachel Reusser, Krehbiel, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Geary, Okla.

Rachel also was born near Berne, Ind., Mar. 28, 1875. She only attended district school at Moundridge, Kans. She married Peter P. Krehbiel, Oct. 4, 1896, at Moundridge. He was born at Summerfield, Ill., June 29, 1873. They were both baptized and received into the Christian Mennonite Church at Moundridge, Kansas, Apr. 21, 1889. For two years she was a S. S. teacher, and he has been a deacon in the church for six years, in the First Mennonite Church in Geary, Okla., where they now reside. They have lived 25 years in Kansas, five years at Deer Creek, 14 months at Texhoma, two years at Gotebo, and 17 years at Geary, Okla., always on a farm. They have traveled in Colorado, and different parts of Kansas and Oklahoma. To them were born:

1—Erich Paul Krehbiel, Seventh Generation.

Erich P. was born at Moundridge, Harvey Co., Kans., Sept. 22, 1897. Here he attended district school. No further word.

2—Susanna Ruth Krehbiel, Loganbill, Seventh Generation.

Susanna R. entered the path of life at Moundridge, Harvey Co., Kans., Dec. 16, 1898. Here she attended district school. No church membership was reported. She married Aldus C. Loganbill. Time and place not given. To them were born:

a—Vera Ruth, June 7, 1920, Eighth Generation.

b—Ellnor Susan, Apr. 8, 1923, Eighth Generation.

c—Irma Laueta, Feb. 28, 1925, Eighth Generation.

3—Abraham Valentine Krehbiel, Seventh Generation.

Abraham V. was born at Deer Creek, Okla., Mar. 29, 1900. He attended school at various places his parents lived. Nothing more was reported.

4—Ellen Marie Krehbiel, Seventh Generation.

Ellen M. was born at Deer Creek, Okla., July 10, 1901. No further word.

5—Irma Anna Krehbiel, Seventh Generation.

Irma A. was born at Deer Creek, Okla., Mar. 6, 1903. No other report.

VI—Emma Reusser, born Feb. 4, 1877, Sixth Generation, died Feb. 4, 1883.

VII—John Reusser, born Nov. 7, 1879, Sixth Generation, died Jan. 13, 1883.

**VIII—David A. Reusser, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Peck, Kans.**

David A. was born at Moundridge, Harvey Co., Kans., Oct. 16, 1881. Here he went to school. He is a farmer. Apr. 18, 1897, he was baptized and joined the Christian Mennonite Church, and served as S. S. teacher for some years. He made tours to Montana, Idaho, Colorado, and to Texarkanna, Ark. He lives in Peck, Kans. He married Emma Stuckey at Moundridge, Kans., Feb. 22, 1902. She was born Mar. 13, 1885, and became baptized and a member of his church Apr. 15, 1900. Born to them, all at Moundridge, Kans.:

**1—Jennings Marvin Reusser, Seventh Generation.**

Jennings M. entered this life, Sept. 13, 1903. After attending public school he entered Bethel College at Newton, Kans. He belongs to the Christian Mennonite Church.

**2—Florence Verena Reusser, Seventh Generation.**

Florence V. began her race in life, Jan. 19, 1905. After attending public school she entered Bethel College, Newton, Kans. She is a member of the Christian Mennonite Church.

3—Milton Reusser, born and died the same day, Aug. 10, 1906.

**4—David Alton Reusser, Seventh Generation.**

David A. entered life's pathway Dec. 27, 1907. After being through the public school he entered high school at Cleamates, Kans. He is a member of the Christian Mennonite Church.

**5—Oren Jerad Reusser, Seventh Generation.**

Oren J. was born July 17, 1910. He now attends high school at Cleamates, Kans.

6—Martin Stuckey, born Nov. 8, 1912, and died Aug. 25, 1914.

7—Lydia Emma, born Jan. 4, 1917, Seventh Generation.

8—Rae Abraham, born Jan. 10, 1922, Seventh Generation.

**IX—Ferdinand Reusser, Sixth Generation, Drake, Sask., Can.**

Ferdinand entered life's career Feb. 8, 1884. He only attended public school. He has farmed in Kansas, Colorado and Canada. He received baptism and reception into the Christian Mennonite Church at Moundridge, Kans., May 21, 1899. He made tours to the World's Fair, St. Louis, Mo., and to California and Oregon. He was married to Martha J. Krehbiel

of Moundridge, Kans., Nov. 17, 1907. She was born Dec. 26, 1887, and baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, July 5, 1903. They live in Drake, Sask., Canada. To them are born:

Seventh Generation

1—Willard, Oct. 26, 1908.
2—Melvin, July 11, 1910.
3—Howard, July 29, 1912.
4—Verena, May 17, 1914

### X—Edward Reusser, Sixth Generation.

Edward was born Sept. 29, 1886, and died Apr. 28, 1901, in the bloom of life.

### XI—Otto Reusser, Sixth Generation, Drake, Sask., Canada.

Otto was born at Moundridge, Harvey Co., Kans., Nov. 25, 1888. After finishing district school he took a course in Gem City Business College, Quincy, Ill. He has farmed 20 years in Kans., Colo., and Canada. He received baptism and reception into the Christian Mennonite Church at Moundridge in April, 1905. He has been a S. S. teacher. He now lives in Drake, Sask., Canada. He married Selma Krehbiel of Moundridge, Kans., Aug. 2, 1911. Here she was born Apr. 1, 1892, where she later was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Orvilla Delite, Moundridge, Kans., Mar. 16, 1912.
2—Maurine Lenore, Simpson, Sask., Can., Jan. 10, 1914.
3—Edward Nelson, Simpson, Sask., Can., Feb. 5, 1917.
4—Robert Ernest, Simpson, Sask., Can., Oct. 30, 1918.
5—Eugene Clayton, La Junta, Colo., Feb. 14, 1921.
6—Lois Irene, Drake, Sask., Canada, Aug. 7, 1923.

### XII—Abraham Carl Reusser, Sixth Generation, Mgr., Elyria, Kans.

Abraham C began his trial in life at Moundridge, Kans., June 28, 1891. He has a fair education. He is manager of the grain elevator at Elyria, Kans. He received baptism and membership into the Christian Mennonite Church at Moundridge, July 26, 1908. Previous to his present work he farmed in Kans., then in Saskatchewan, Canada, then at Cheraw, Colo. He married Mable Schlender at Moundridge, Kans., June 12, 1912. At the time of marriage she was a member of the Evangelical Church, but now joined his church. She was a S. S. teacher. She attended the McPherson high school and then taught school for three years. To them were born:

Seventh Generation.

1—Gail Windon, Moundridge, Kans., Apr. 28, 1914.

2—Marjorie Alta, Simpson, Sask., Can., May 16, 1919.

3—Donald Rae, La Junta, Colo., Aug. 23, 1921.

4—Helen Rose, Moundridge, Kans., Sept. 20, 1923.

F—David Welty, Fifth Generation, Carpenter, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

David began his race of life in Allen Co., Ohio, Oct. 10, 1847. Here he attended rural school. He followed carpentering all his life. He was married to Magdalena Wehrly, Apr. 17, 1875. She died in Putnam Co., Ohio, Aug. 21, 1919. To them were born:

I—Helen Welty, Sixth Generation, born June 17, 1876, died Aug. 27, 1877.

II—Henry Welty, Sixth Generation, Carpenter, Remus, Mich.

Henry arrived in the world in Putnam Co., Ohio, July 25, 1877. He only had rural school education. For 30 years he followed carpentering in Ohio and Remus, Mich. He married Matilda Wernette in 1905. To them were born at Remus, Mich.:

1—Edward Welty, Seventh Generation, Addison, Mich.

Edward was born Oct. 9, 1905. He attended Remus Catholic graded and high school. He was a carpenter and mason four years at Clinton, Mich., now on a state highway. He was baptized in 1905 and joined the Catholic Church in 1917 at Remus. He has traveled in Minnesota, Wisconsin, N. Dakota, and Montana. He married Herb Lenon. He served one year in U. S. Coast Guard in 1922-23. He lives in Addison, Mich.

2—Harley Welty, Seventh Generation, Carpenter, Remus, Mich.

Harley was born Nov. 13, 1906. He attended the Remus Catholic graded and high school. He was baptized in 1906 and joined the Catholic Church in 1917. He is a carpenter.

3—Bernett Welty, Seventh Generation

Bernett was born Oct. 16, 1908, and attended the Remus Catholic graded and high school. Baptized in 1908 and joined the Church in 1917.

4—Elizabeth Welty, Seventh Generation.

Elizabeth was born June 21, 1913. She attended the Remus Catholic graded and high school. Here she was also baptized in 1913 as an infant.

III—Emma Welty, Coor, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Emma arrived in this world at Webster, Ohio, Apr. 5, 1880. She only

attended common school. She was married to C. C. Coor, Nov. 30, 1898. No church relation is given. They live near Columbus Grove, Ohio, where were born to them:

1—Russel, Apr. 9, 1900, Seventh Generation.
2—Vera, Apr. 19, 1901, Seventh Generation.
3—Lenna, Oct. 25, 1903, Seventh Generation.

### IV—Samuel Welty, Sixth Generation, Miner, Adena, Ohio.

Samuel entered this world at Webster, Ohio, Sept. 20, 1881. He only attended district school. He has been a carpenter in Pandora, Ohio. Now he is a coal miner at Adena, Ohio. He married Fanny Pierman of Ottawa, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1904. She died Dec. 23, 1918. His second marriage was to Maud Fitzgerald, May 20, 1920. His children by his first marriage are:

1—Kenneth, Oct. 21, 1905, Seventh Generation, died Mar. 10, 1915.
2—Richard, Apr. 14, 1910, Seventh Generation.
3—Howard, Jan. 11, 1915, Seventh Generation.
4—Grace E., Aug. 22, 1918, Seventh Generation.

### V—Lydia Welty, Sixth Generation, 1883-1910.

Lydia was welcomed in this world June 7, 1883, Putnam Co., Ohio. She received a common school education. Domestic work was her vocation. She died June 16, 1910.

### VI—David, Jr., Welty, Sixth Generation, 1885-1924.

David was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, Apr. 22, 1885. He had a common school education. He died Apr. 29, 1924.

### VII—Elam Welty, Sixth Generation.

Elam was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, Feb. 18, 1887, and died Feb. 26, 1888.

### VIII—Calvin Welty, Sixth Generation.

Calvin started the earthly life in Putnam Co., Ohio, Dec. 2, 1888. He only has a common school education. No occupation given, nor church relation.

IX—Catharine Welty, Sixth Generation, born July 22, 1891, died Sept. 5, 1891.

### X—Clara Welty, George, Sixth Generation.

Clara came on the arena of life in Putnam Co., Ohio, Jan. 23, 1893. She attended public school at Pandora, Ohio. Housework has been her

occupation. She married O. D. George of Pandora, Ohio, Sept. 19, 1914. To them are born at Pandora:

Seventh Generation

1—Norwood, Aug. 21, 1915.
2—Alyce, July 27, 1917.
3—Betty, May 25, 1920.
4—Edith, Jan. 2, 1922.

### G—John W. Welty, Fifth Generation, Mechanic, 1852—

John W. was initiated to this life in Putnam Co., Ohio, June 12, 1852. He attended the Hickory district school in Riley Tp. He was a carpenter, mason and plasterer for about 50 years, in Ohio, Kansas and Oregon. He was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church when a young man. He was married to Mary Detweiler at Halstead, Kans., Mar. 13, 1881. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, Mar. 24, 1862. He died in Oregon. She resides in Silverton, Ore. To this union were born:

#### I—Alma E. Welty, Graham, Sixth Generation.

Alma E. was born near Garden, Kans., Jan. 10, 1882. She only attended district school. She gave her hand in marriage to Wm. Graham, Aug. 7, 1905, at Salem, Oregon. To them was born:

1—Leonard W. Graham, Seventh Generation.

Leonard W. arrived in this world near Salem, Ore., Aug. 6, 1906. He attended Silverton public schools. No further report.

2—Armine Earle Graham, Seventh Generation.

Armine E. began this life Feb. 27, 1911. He is yet in school.

#### II—Euginia R. Welty, Worden, Sixth Generation, Milliner, Salem, Ore.

Euginia R. began her earthly career at Halstead, Kans., June 17, 1883. She obtained her schooling in Turner, Eugene and Fruitland. She followed hairwork and millinery for 20 years in Salem, Ore. At present she is a housekeeper. She was baptized July 29, 1924, and joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Salem, Ore. She has served as S. S. teacher, and as deaconess for nearly two years now. She married Sol. E. Worden, Apr. 18, 1903, Salem, Oreg. To them were born:

1—Donald W. Worden, Seventh Generation, Salesman, Salem, Ore.

Donald W. was born in Salem, Ore., Jan. 27, 1904. Here he received his education, graduating from the Salem high school in 1921. He was baptized in 1923 and joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church. He has been a leader of Young People's Missionary Volunteers. He is a salesman.

He was married to Louise Kezar, Dec. 1, 1923, at Portland, Ore. To them came:

a—Donald, Jr., Worden, Salem, Ore., Eighth Generation.

**III—Estella C. Welty, Edmonsen, Sixth Generation, Salem, Ore.**

Estella C. was born at Salem, Ore., Oct. 28, 1884, where she received her schooling. She was united in marriage with Ellis R. Edmonsen, Oct. 24, 1903, at Salem, Ore. To them came:

**1—Doris Marie Edmonsen, Seventh Generation, Student, Butte, Mont.**

Doris M. arrived in this world at McClay, Ore., Sept. 15, 1905. Aside from graded schools, she attended the Butte high school and Butte Business College, in Butte, Mont. Since then she was employed as stenographer two years, and bookkeeper and clerk six years in the State Hartford Fire Insurance Co., and also doing work for her father. At present she is going to college. She was baptized and received into the M. E. Church, Apr. 12, 1925, at Butte, Mont. She is a teacher in the S. S. and vice-president of the Epworth League. She is yet single.

**IV—Armin Oswald Welty, Sixth Generation.**

Armin O. was born Sept. 13, 1886, and departed to heaven June 12, 1910.

**V—Clifford Walter Welty, Sixth Generation, U. S. Service, Stabler, Wyo.**

Clifford W. was born at Turner, Ore., Apr. 15, 1889, where he likely obtained his education. He was in military training at Camp Freeman, Calif., Aug., 1918, where he was discharged Jan., 1919. He is now in the U. S. Forest Service at Stabler, Wyo. He is unmarried.

**VI—Clarence Arnold Welty, Sixth Generation, Florence, Ore.**

Clarence was born at Turner, Ore., Nov. 14, 1891. Here he received his education. He enlisted for World War service in 1917 and went to France in Jan., 1918, in the Engineer Department, remaining until June, 1919. He gives no church relation. He married Neva Levery, Aug. 21, 1921, at Salem, Ore. They live in Florence, Ore.

**VII—Harvey Allen Welty, Sixth Generation, U. S. Service, Culver, Wyo.**

Harvey arrived in this life at Turner, Ore., May 24, 1894. Here he obtained his schooling. He was married to Eva Rowly, Dec. 29, 1920. He is now in the U. S. Forest Service at Culver, Wyo. He trained in Camp Lewis, Wash., in the World War, from Aug., 1918-1919, as a private. No church relation given. To them is born:

1—Ivan Leroy, Aug. 23, 1921, Seventh Generation.

VIII—Alicia Marian Welty, Ferguson, Sixth Generation, Weston, Ore.

Alicia M. was born at Salem, Ore., Dec. 18, 1898. She has a rural school education. She entered matrimony with Elmer S. Ferguson, May 21, 1921, at Walla Walla, Wash. They now live on a farm near Weston, Ore. To them were born:

1—Weldon Ferguson, Mar. 14, 1924, Seventh Generation.

IX—Ellis Welty, Sixth Generation, Healdsburg, Calif.

Ellis entered this life near Salem, Ore., Dec. 21, 1901. He has common school education. He now lives in Healdsburg, Calif., working for the Standard Oil Co.

H—Amos Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio, 1854—



MR. AND MRS. AMOS WELTY

Amos was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, Jan. 16, 1854. He attended district school No. 6. He has always been a farmer. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church in 1873. Here he lived an unassuming Christian life and a peaceable citizen's life. He married Sarah Sutter, May 21, 1883, at her parental home, Christian Sutter. She was born Jan. 10, 1860, near Pandora. She was here baptized and admitted to the Swiss Mennonite Church, as a young woman. She departed this life Feb. 15, 1902. To them were born in Putnam Co., 11 children, who attended district school No. 6, except the first one:

I—Cyrus Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Robstown, Tex.

Cyrus began the toils of life Sept. 28, 1884. He attended district school No. 10. He is a farmer. He married Lydia Herberts of Fredricksburg, Tex., Nov. 18, 1919. They live at Robstown, Tex. To them were born:

1—Lucile Matilda, Oct. 3, 1921, Seventh Generation.

2—James Cyrus, Mar. 8, 1924, Seventh Generation.

II—Hiram Welty, Sixth Generation, Well Driller, Robstown, Tex.

Hiram began his earthly pilgrimage, Apr. 16, 1886. For years he was

a well driller. In 1905 by baptism he became a member of the St. John's Mennonite Church. He married Lydia Zuercher of Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 23, 1918. She was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio, when a young woman. To them were born in Robstown, Texas:

1—Benjamin Hiram, May 1, 1920, Seventh Generation.

2—May Ola, June 1, 1923, Seventh Generation. Died Mar., 1925.

### III—Willis Welty, Sixth Generation, Beaverdam, Ohio.

Willis began this life Sept. 24, 1887. He has farmed for 14 years. He received baptism and admission into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1905. For a bosom companion he married Amelia Fett of Bluffton, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1913. To their home at Beaverdam, Ohio, came:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Ruth, Oct. 30, 1913.

2—Esther, July 20, 1915.

3—Dorothy, Aug. 26, 1916.

4 and 5—Marcile and Marcelle, Sept. 7, 1917.

6—Kent, Oct. 27, 1918.

7—Roma Ilene, Apr. 23, 1926.

### IV—Cordelia Welty, Whitney, Sixth Generation, Toledo, Ohio.

Cordelia was born Oct. 18, 1891. She went to Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 6, 1914, where she took a course in nurse training in Flower Hospital, graduating as a registered nurse in 1916. After this she was a regular private nurse for five years. She made a number of sight-seeing tours to Washington, D. C., Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y., and to Canada. She gave her hand in marriage to Elmer H. Whitney, Jr., May 11, 1922. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 17, 1893. He came to Toledo, Ohio, in 1900, as a R. R. mechanic and electrician. He now works for the Detroit & Toledo Shore line. She was baptized and received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, in 1909. They live on 316 New York Ave., Toledo, Ohio. To them was born at Flower Hospital, Toledo, Ohio:

1—Elsworth Ray, Mar. 14, 1926.

### V—Rufus Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Rawson, Ohio.

Rufus was born Aug. 30, 1892. At maturity he took up farming as his vocation. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 8, 1908. He married Ora Trippleham of Findlay, Ohio, July 15, 1912. They live at Rawson, Ohio, where were born to them:

1—Harold, Nov. 28, 1912, Seventh Generation.

2—Robert, July 6, 1914, Seventh Generation.

3—Kenneth, June 6, 1917, Seventh Generation.

**VI—Sylvanus Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Sylvanus entered life Mar. 25, 1893. He is a farmer. He was baptized and received into the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, Ohio, 1911. He married Zoa Leona Augsburger at Bluffton, June 30, 1916, where they now live, and where came to them:

1—Naomi Irene, Mar. 30, 1918, Seventh Generation.

2—Omar Lowell, May 4, 1920, Seventh Generation.

**VII—Elam Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Laborer, Wichita, Kans.**

Elam was born Feb. 6, 1895. He is a farmer. On Apr. 14, 1911, by baptism, he became a member of the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. As a World War veteran he took training at Camp Taylor, Ky., and Camp Beauregard, La His rank was private in the Infantry Department. He was overseas nine months, and served in the front 20 days on the battlefield of Krumkleville. He returned unhurt. He was discharged from Camp Sherman, Ohio, May 28, 1919. Since army service he followed well drilling, and working in the packing house in Wichita, Kans. He made sight seeing trips in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. On Apr. 5, 1923, he was married to Blanch Stover of Columbus Grove, Ohio, at Spencerville, Ohio. To them came:

1—Russel Ralph, Feb. 6, 1924, Seventh Generation.

2—Dale Eugene, Apr. 7, 1926, Seventh Generation.

**VIII—Edna Welty, Badertscher, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Edna came to this world Sept. 23, 1896. For four years she worked in the mitten and glove factory in Bluffton, Ohio. Then she became a seamstress. She was baptized and admitted into the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, Apr. 5, 1912. She married Elmer W. Badertscher Apr. 4, 1925. To them was born:

1—Wayne Leo, Aug. 19, 1926, Seventh Generation.

**IX—Rhoda Welty, Balmer, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Rhoda was born May 5, 1898. She worked four years for the mitten and glove factory in Bluffton, Ohio. Through baptism she joined the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, June 8. ——. She was married to Lawrence Balmer, Jan. 6, 1925, in the Mennonite parsonage in Bluffton, Ohio They live here.

X—Harvey Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Harvey was born Mar. 18, 1900. He was baptized and joined the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, when 17 years old. He is a farmer. He married Clara Balmer, Mar. 7, 1925. To this union was born:

1—Marjorie Maxine, Mar. 2, 1926, Seventh Generation.

XI—Sarah Welty, Moser, Sixth Generation, 1902-1925.

Sarah was born Feb. 4, 1902. Besides attending common school she went to the Bluffton high school. In 1916, she received baptism and membership in the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. She married Clair C. Moser Apr. 14, 1923. They lived at Beaverdam, Ohio, where she died Jan. 30, 1925.

I—Peter Welty, Fifth Generation, 1856.

Peter came to this world in Putnam Co., Ohio, Apr. 30, 1856, where he went to district school No. 6, in Riley Tp. He also attended for a while Wadsworth Academy, Ohio. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church when a young man. He followed carpentering and masonry through his entire life in Ohio and Oregon. He was a lover of music, especially violin, being himself an expert player thereon. He never married. He passed away and is buried in Portland, Ore. Time not reported.

J—Mary Welty, Zimmerly, Fifth Generation, Minister's Wife, 1857-1916.



REV. AND MRS. CHRISTIAN ZIMMERLY

Mary was born in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, Dec. 23, 1857. She attended district school No. 7. Early in womanhood she received baptism and admission into the Swiss Mennonite Church, and lived a consistent Christian life, devoted to her church, its doctrines and polity. Her young days were lived in a time when Sunday schools were unknown in her church, and women were not permitted to openly participate in religions meetings except singing; and taking of the Lord's Supper. But, nevertheless, she could let her religious life shine forth quietly at home and in her community.

She was united in Christian wedlock with Christian Zimmerly, May 26,

1870. He was born in her native community Oct. 6, 1841. As a young man he was baptized and received into the Swiss Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio. When a young man he taught public school with efficiency, and left a good impress on the youths he taught. On Mar. 25, 1876, he reached an epoch in his life. At a special called meeting of his church a minister of the Gospel was to be chosen by "lot" as was then customary. The lot fell upon him. This evidenced that the church held him in high esteem to consider him worthy to be a candidate for the ministry. The church now reposed great hope and confidence in his loyalty and devotion to the church. He was a man of ability, good judgment, wise counsel and a safe shepherd of human souls. In 1880 he was promoted to the highest office within the gift of the church, namely, that of bishop. Later, when the General Conference Mennonite Church was organized here, he remained pastor of the old Swiss Mennonite Church. For 43 years he preached the Gospel, receiving no financial compensation. It was not then customary in his church to compensate ministers for spiritual service rendered. Nor was then extensive pastoral work expected of ministers, as now is the case. During these years of his ministry he influenced many lives to a nobler and truer Christian life. He passed to his eternal reward Dec. 11, 1916, and she on Oct. 19, 1916. Their bodies were laid to rest in the Clymer Cemetery to await the final summons to join the "Lord's Bride" when He comes to bring her home to His Father in Heaven. To this union were born in Putnam Co., Ohio, near Pandora:

**I—Sarah Zimmerly, Oberly, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio**

Sarah entered this life Apr. 1, 1871. She has a common school education. She received baptism and reception into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1889. She married Levi A. Oberly, Dec. 7, 1893, at her parents' home. He was born Mar. 29, 1871 in Wayne Co., Ohio. Farming was their pursuit, near Bluffton, where to them were born:

**1—Millard Edison Oberly, Seventh Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Millard was born Sept. 26, 1894. He obtained a common school education. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Apr. 5, 1912. During the World War he was at Camp Jackson, S. C., for eight months. He received his discharge Mar. 21, 1919. He entered matrimony with Sophia Louise Eisenbach of Pandora, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1922. She was born Apr. 1, 1893. His occupation not given. To their home came:

a—Kenneth Geo., Feb. 2, 1923, Eighth Generation.

b—Robert Edison, Sept. 22, 1924, Eighth Generation.

2—Reno Jennings Oberly, Seventh Generation.

Reno J. commenced life, Feb. 13, 1897. He has a common school education. He received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1914. He married Bertha Marie Hochstetler of Beaverdam, Ohio, Apr. 4, 1920. She was born Nov. 14, 1899. Residence and occupation not given. They are the parents of:

a—James Levi, Aug. 27, 1921, Eighth Generation.

b—Dorothy Irene, Sept. 22, 1922, Eighth Generation.

c—Bernice Marie, June 28, 1924, Eighth Generation.

3—Lesta May Oberly, Seventh Generation, 1899-1915.

Lesta M. was born May 16, 1899. She was in the second year in high school when death overtook her, May 10, 1915. "Her sun hath gone down while it was yet day." She received baptism and membership in the Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1914.

4—Olen Victor Oberly, Seventh Generation, Cutter, Bluffton, Ohio

Olen V. entered the walk of life Nov. 30, 1901. He has a common school education. He received the rite of baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church, Apr. 18, 1919. He is yet single. He is engaged as a cutter in the Boss Glove Factory, in Bluffton, Ohio.

5—Laoma Gail Oberly, Seventh Generation, Seamstress, Bluffton, Ohio.

Laoma G. came upon the arena of life Apr. 9, 1904. She received a common and high school education. She was baptized and admitted to membership in the Mennonite Church Apr. 18, 1919. She also attended State Normal College at Bowling Green, Ohio. She is now seamstress in the Boss Glove Factory, in Bluffton, Ohio.

6—Lela Marie Oberly, Seventh Generation, Seamstress, Bluffton, Ohio.

Lela M. entered the stage of life Sept. 11, 1906. She has gone through common school and graduated in high school. She received baptism and membership in the Mennonite Church, Apr. 14, 1922. She, too, is a seamstress in the Boss Glove Factory in Bluffton, Ohio.

7—Leva Sarah Oberly, was born Aug. 7, 1909, and died the same day.

8—Lucile Elizabeth Oberly, Seventh Generation.

Lucile E. entered the race of life Dec. 16, 1910. She is now in high school. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Apr. 13, 1924.

9—Donald Levi Oberly was born Oct. 14, 1913, and died the same day.

10—Carroll Christian Oberly was born Mar. 5, 1915, and died the same day.

11—LaDonna Ruth Oberly, Seventh Generation.

LaDonna R. began her journey of life June 6, 1917. She is now in school.

II—Caroline Zimmerly, Augsburger, Sixth Generation, 1872-1915.

Caroline entered the trials of life July 10, 1872. She has a common school education. She received baptism and membership in the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1889. She was married to Amos Augsburger at her parents' home, Jan. 6, 1898. She was a farmer's wife living near Pandora. She departed this life Apr. 5, 1915. To them were born in Riley Tp., near Pandora, Ohio:

1—Arling V. Augsburger, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

Arling's life commenced Mar. 20, 1899. He received rural schooling. He is farming.

2—Omer C. Augsburger, Seventh Generation.

Omer C. entered life's path Dec. 22, 1901. He has a rural schooling. He is a day laborer.

3—Alvin B. Augsburger, Seventh Generation.

Alvin B. was born Dec. 29, 1906. He finished common school and high school. He now farms.

4—Leonard M. Augsburger, Seventh Generation.

Leonard M. was born Apr. 17, 1908. He finished common school and is now in high school.

III—Mary Ann Zimmerly, Habegger, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Mary A. entered the path of life Mar. 20, 1874. She has a district school education. She received baptism and membership in the Mennonite Church in 1894. She married Henry Habegger at her parents' home, Aug. 25, 1898. He was born Oct. 25, 1874, in Putnam Co, Ohio. He has a district school training. He received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church in 1897. He is a coal dealer. To their home came, in Putnam Co., Ohio, except the first:

1—Bulinna Maria Habegger, Hector, Seventh Generation, McComb, Ohio.

Bulinna M. was born in Union Tp., Hancock Co., Ohio, Oct. 16, 1899. She graduated from the Riley Tp. high school in 1917. Then she took a

year's normal training at the Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. After this she taught school for a few years. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1914. Here she served as a S. S. pianist, teacher and various offices in the C. E. society. She married Carl F. Hector of Leipsic, Ohio. He does agricultural work near McComb, Ohio. To them is born:

a—Carl Sherwood, May 6, 1925, Eighth Generation.

2—Fenella Habegger, Flick, Seventh Generation, Office Work, Bluffton, O.

Fenella was welcomed to this life, Apr. 26, 1902. She graduated from the Riley Tp. high school in 1920. In 1921 she took a year of college work at Bluffton, Ohio After this she was employed in the Boss Mfg. Co., here, and later was placed in charge of the office department. She received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church in 1919. She was married to Cecil Flick June 24, 1925. He was born Dec. 7, 1896.

3—Dearlin Christian Habegger, Seventh Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Dearlin C. took up his task in life Apr. 4, 1904. He received his school training in district No. 6. He is now a day laborer. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1919.

4—Vincent Isaac Habegger, Seventh Generation.

Vincent I. entered life Oct. 5, 1906. He received his schooling in district No. 6, Riley Tp. He is farming.

5—Merl Henry Habegger, Seventh Generation.

Merl H. began his tussel with life May 30, 1909. He is now in high school.

6—Vera Mae Habegger, Seventh Generation.

Vera M. found welcome to this life May 21, 1913. She is in public school.

7—Wendall Cleland Habegger, Seventh Generation.

Wendall C. was born May 5, 1915, and passed out the same day.

IV—John Zimmerly, Sixth Generation, 1875-1924.

John was born Dec. 15, 1875. He received a rural school education. He was a day laborer. He received Christian baptism and reception into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1902. He departed this life unmarried, May 7, 1924.

V—David M. Zimmerly, Sixth Generation, 1877—

David M. began his earthly life Sept. 25, 1877. He attended district

school No. 6. He was manager of a telephone Co. in the oil field for five years. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1905. He married Martha Lehman of Bluffton, Ohio, Jan. 21, 1904. She was born Nov. 12, 1885. She served as telephone switch board operator at Pandora, Ohio. He is deceased. Time not reported. To their home came:

1—Marvel Mae, Seventh Generation, Nov. 19, 1906, died Apr. 30, 1907.

2—Margaret Ruth, Seventh Generation, Mar. 22, 1908. She has completed the common school and is now in high school.

**VI—Anna Zimmerly, Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.**

Anna arrived in this world May 26, 1880. She attended district school No. 6. She was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1898. She was married to Joshua Amstutz in 1899, at her parents' home. To them were born in Union Tp., Hancock Co., Ohio:

1—Lillian Fern, Nov. 21, 1900, and died Jan. 3, 1903, Seventh Generation.

**2—Oda Victoria Amstutz, Seventh Generation, Teacher, Pandora, Ohio.**

Oda came to this world Nov. 24, 1901. She finished the Bluffton public and high schools, and attended the Bowling Green College in Ohio. She taught school for two years. She is increasing her efficiency for church work by attending the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1911. She is still single.

**3—Joycie Lavina Amstutz, Steiner, Sixth Generation.**

Joycie L. was initiated to this world, Feb. 7, 1904. She has a common school education. She became identified with the Mennonite Church by baptism when a young woman. She was married to Ralph Steiner, Mar. 18, 1923. Residence not given. To them was born:

a—Ralph, Jr., Feb. 26, 1924, Eighth Generation.

**4—Evan Perl Amstutz, Seventh Generation.**

Evan P. came into being Feb. 26, 1907. He enjoyed common school privileges, and graduated from the Mt. Cory high school in 1925. Nothing said about church relation.

**5—Glenna Marie Amstutz, Seventh Generation.**

Glenna M. made her appearance in life June 26, 1909. She has finished public schools and is now in high school.

6—Wilma Elizabeth Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Wilma E. began her journey of life Oct. 14, 1913. She is in public school.

7—Celesta Mae Amstutz, Jan. 20, 1917, Seventh Generation.

8—Donavin Joshua Amstutz, May 2, 1921, Seventh Generation.

9—Leland Wayne Amstutz, Jan. 19, 1923, Seventh Generation. Died Feb. 19, 1923.

VII—Lavina Zimmerly, Habegger, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Lavina came to this world July 18, 1883. She attended the district school No. 6. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 25, 1905, where she was organist three years. Later she transferred her membership to the U. B. Church. She was united in marriage with Wm. Habegger, May 6, 1906, at Rawson, Ohio. They live on a farm near Bluffton, Ohio. He was born Oct. 13, 1878, where she was and attended the same school. He attended two terms at the Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, and Bluffton College, for two years. He joined the U. B. Church in Union Center, Jan.. 10, 1901, where he was baptized in a stream, Sept. 10, 1901. Here he served as assistant pastor in this church, and as assistant superintendent, and teacher of the S. S. and president of the Y. P. Society. To this union were born in Putnam Co., Ohio:

1—Garnie Wm., Feb. 2, 1907, Seventh Generation. He is now in high school.

2—Myra Levina, Nov. 21, 1908, Seventh Generation. She is now in high school.

3—Lauvaun Gail, Oct. 15, 1914, Seventh Generation. Now in common school.

4—Raymond Christian, June 21, 1919. Died the same day.

VIII—Pauline Zimmerly, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Pauline was born Aug. 13, 1884. She attended district school No. 6. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1905. She was wedded to Albert Lehman at Rawson, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1911. He was born Apr. 9, 1887. To their home in Putnam Co., Ohio, came:

Seventh Generation

1—Myron J., May 23, 1912.

2—Hazel M., Sept. 22, 1914.

3—Marvin W., Nov. 6, 1918.

4—Earl W., May 22, 1922.

5—Anna Ruth, Apr. 27, 1925.

**IX—Ardon C. Zimmerly, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.**

Ardon C. was born, Dec. 5, 1886. He attended district school No. 6. He is farming. He received baptism and admission to the Mennonite Church in 1914. He was married to Amanda M. Lehman, Sept. 15, 1910. She was born Aug. 16, 1890, and received her schooling where he did. She joined the St. John's Mennonite Church, Apr. 14, 1911. To them were born on a farm near Pandora:

1—Denver Wayne, Feb. 2, 1911. Seventh Generation. Is now in H. S.

2—Marian Louise, Sept. 13, 1919. Seventh Generation. Is now in school.

**X—Leonard Zimmerly, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.**

Leonard entered life's pathway, Mar. 6, 1889. He attended district school No. 6. No church relation given. He is in agricultural work. He was married to Ida Mann at Rawson, Ohio, May 18, 1914. Into their home came:

Seventh Generation

1—Edith Ellen, Jan. 28, 1915.
2—Dwight Leonard, Oct. 21, 1916.
3—Jean Marie, July 5, 1919.
4—Paul David, Sept. 14, 1922.

**XI—Homer C. Zimmerly, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Homer C. began his earthly life Sept. 20, 1891, in Putnam Co., Ohio. He has a common school education. He is a farmer. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 14, 1911. As a World War veteran he received his training in Camp Chillicothe and Camp Sherman, Ohio. He was a private in the Medical Dept. He was discharged from the last named camp May 29, 1919. He married Elva Weaver Welty June 7, 1921. She was born Nov. 5, 1895, in Wood Co., O.

**K—Samuel Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.**



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL WELTY

Samuel was born Mar 23, 1859, in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio. He is six feet high, weighs 200 pounds, is light complected, full faced, with twinkling eyes and genial expression. He attended the Hickory school, district No. 6. Here all his children started to school. He always farmed the homestead in a successful way. By Christian baptism he and wife were

received into the St. John's Mennonite Church, near Pandora, Ohio, in 1884. He has traveled in the south and west. For his bosom companion, to share with him the joys and toils of life, he chose Cecelia Peterman to whom he was wedded July 4, 1881 at Pandora, Ohio. She was born Mar. 12, 1864, in Lima, Ohio. She went to school where he did. She is a genial spirited companion and a kind mother to her children. Both are esteemed members of the church and highly respected citizens in their community. Providence smiled upon them favorably in many ways, especially in blessing them with a large family. All their children were born on the homestead as follows:

### I—Elmer Welty, Sixth Generation.

Elmer was born June 10, 1882, and transplanted to heaven Mar. 12, 1886.

### II—Edward Welty, Sixth Generation, Ditcher, Hillard, Ohio.

Edward started on his earthly walk Nov. 28, 1883. He has a common school education. He farmed for 20 years, but is now in the ditching business. In 1921 he was baptized and joined the Methodist Protestant Church at Gilboa, Ohio, in which he is an elder. He was married to Mary Newman of Ottawa, Ohio, Aug. 22, 1914. She was born at Gilboa, Ohio, Aug. 22, 1888, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius E. Newman. She attended the Leipsic school, and Berea College, Ky. In 1889 she was baptized in the M. E. Church at Gilboa, Ohio, and joined this church at Leipsic, Ohio, in 1900. They live in Hillard, Ohio. To them were born:

1—Jessie E., July 7, 1915, Seventh Generation. Died the same day.

2—Julius E., June 4, 1922, Seventh Generation. Died the same day.

### III—Ephraim Welty, Sixth Generation, Stockfarmer, Hillard, Ohio.

Ephraim began the task of life Sept. 19, 1885. He has a rural school education. He followed farming and machinist work for 18 years in Putnam and Franklin Counties, Ohio. Now he gives special attention to stock raising. He was baptized in 1916 and united with the M. E. Church at Gilboa, Ohio, in which he served as trustee and S. S. teacher. Aug. 4, 1914, he entered the marriage bond with Delila, daughter of Lewis O. Archibald, of Lima, Ohio. She was born Aug. 4, 1875, in Blanchard Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio. Delila graduated from the locally known Crawfish high school. Then she taught school in her native township. In infancy she was baptized in the M. E. Church, Gilboa, Ohio, and later joined this church. In 1911 she traveled abroad. Their address is Hillard, Ohio.

**IV—Persis Anna Welty, Good, Sixth Generation, Ashland, Ohio.**

Persis A. made her debut in life Aug. 5, 1887. She has a fair education. For eight years she was a seamstress in Pandora, Bluffton and Findlay, Ohio. By baptism she was received into the St. John's Mennonite Church, Mar., 1904. She has traveled through most of the states east of the Mississippi River. Cupid wedded her to Walter A. Good, May 29, 1918, at Bluffton, Ohio. He was born May 22, 1890, in Ashland, Ohio. He attended Troy and Montgomery township schools, and the Ashland high school. He was baptized and united with the M. E. Church in 1900 at Nova, Ohio. In 1923 they both transferred their membership to the M. E. Church in Ashland. Here he was Monotype operator 10 years for the Ashland Press, and press room mechanic; then for the Ashland Times-Gazette, three years. He holds a government instructor's diploma for small arms firing. He is also a Y. M. C. A. instructor for rifle practice, being himself an expert rifleman. He has traveled all over the U. S. and Canada. Since 1920 he conducts a motorcycle, bicycle and sporting goods store. To their home came:

1—Mable Marie, Dec. 31, 1919, Seventh Generation, and passed to realms above Jan. 5, 1920.

**V—Bertha Delila Welty, Althaus, Sixth Generation, Ashland, Ohio.**

Bertha D. was born June 24, 1889. She has a graded school education. She was a seamstress for five years in Pandora, Findlay and Bluffton, Ohio. By baptism she was initiated into the St. John's Mennonite Church, Mar., 1904. She visited Niagara Falls, Canada, Watkins Glenn, N. Y., and Mark Twain's home, etc. On Apr. 12, 1914, she gave her hand in marriage to Willis Glenn Althaus at Bluffton, Ohio. He was born Mar. 21, 1888, in Hancock Co., Ohio, where he first attended school, then at Pandora and Bluffton high schools. By baptism he was received into the Mennonite Church in 1905. In 1920 both joined the Christian Church in Ashland, Ohio, where they live. He has been a S. S. teacher, and is now a deacon in this church. He is a printer by trade, started on the Pandora Times, then on the Bluffton News, and seven years on the Ashland Press. In this city he is now owner of the Althaus Print Shop. They have no children.

**VI—Lucy Viola Welty, Reichenbach, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Lucy V. entered the pathway of life June 6, 1891. She has a graded school education. For a while she worked for the glove and porcelain factory in Bluffton and Findlay, Ohio. After this she did general domestic work. By baptism she was received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church,

Apr. 14, 1911. She made a visit to Kansas and Oklahoma. On May 15, 1913, she entered matrimony with David W. Reichenbach at the Mennonite parsonage. He came to this world Feb. 19, 1885, near Lafayette, Ind. He started to school at Monitor, Ind. When 10 years old his parents moved to Putnam Co., Ohio, where he attended Hickory school, district No. 6. By baptism he was admitted to the St. John's Mennonite Church, Mar. 25, 1910. He farmed six years, painted five years, run a ditching machine 11 years, and for the last three years he owns and manages a garage in Bluffton, Ohio. To their home came:

1—An infant son, Seventh Generation, born and died Jan. 17, 1915.

2—Betty Cecelia, Seventh Generation, born Mar. 10, 1921, in Allen Co., Ohio, where she won the first prize in the baby show contest at Bluffton, Dec. 12, 1921.

### VII—Sylvia Marie Welty, Tripplehorn, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Sylvia M. entered the arena of life Dec. 10, 1893. She graduated from the Pandora high school in 1912. Then she was seamstress for five years, in Bluffton and Findlay, Ohio. She received Christian baptism and reception into the St. John's Mennonite Church Apr. 4, 1911. She was married to Harry Tripplehorn Oct. 7, 1919, at Bluffton, Ohio. He was born in Hancock Co., Ohio, Dec. 17, 1893. He is a World War veteran, was trained in Camp Jackson, S. C., ranked as corporal, Artillery C. M. P. He was not overseas. He was discharged from Columbia Camp, S. C., Mar. 21, 1919. He traveled in Canada, Oklahoma and Texas. He was a tool dresser for some time, but is now working for the Page Dairy Co., Bluffton, Ohio. To them were born in Bluffton, Ohio:

1—Samuel John, Jan. 14, 1921, Seventh Generation.

2—An infant son, born and died Feb. 10, 1922.

### VIII—Oliver Samuel Welty, Sixth Generation. Postal Employee, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Oliver S. arrived in this world Nov. 22, 1894. He has a district school education. For 15 years he engaged in farming and contracting drainage work in Ohio. He was received by baptism into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 21, 1913. He was in the World War service. Took his training in Camp Taylor, Ky., and Camp Beaureguard, La., ranking as corporal in the Army Engineer Department. He was in France from Aug. 22, 1918, to May 2, 1919. He saw the real horrors of war, having been on the fighting line from Oct. 6 to Nov. 11, 1918, participating in the battles of Meuse and Argonne, but received no wounds. He was discharged May 21, 1919, from

Camp Sherman, Ohio. On Aug. 4, 1923, he was united in marriage with Ida H. Stover, at Columbus Grove, Ohio. She was born July 24, 1897. She graduated from the Columbus Grove high school, May, 1916. At this place she is a member of the Christian Church. He is now a postal employee. To their domicile came:

1—Kenneth John, June 24, 1924, Seventh Generation.

2—Alice Jean, Mar. 12, 1926, Seventh Generation.

### IX—Hulda Emma Welty, Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Hulda E. came into being July 27, 1896. She attended rural and Pandora high school. Then she worked for some time in the Boss Mfg. Co. in Bluffton and Findlay, Ohio. She was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church, Mar. 21, 1913. She married Monroe S Amstutz June 23, 1923, at the Methodist parsonage, Ottawa, Ohio. He was born May 17, 1889, at Bluffton, Ohio. He is a World War veteran, trained at Camp Sherman, Ohio. He ranked as corporal in the Motor Supply Train Division. He was overseas from Sept. 16, 1918, to Aug. 10, 1919, but was not called to the battle front. He received his discharge from Camp Sherman, Aug. 16, 1919. He is now a traveling salesman.

### X—Samuel John Welty, Sixth Generation, Mechanic, Toledo, Ohio.

Samuel J. was born Apr. 15, 1898. He has a district school education. He is a mechanic by trade and has been thus engaged for five years in Toledo, Ohio. He entered married life with Vera Regina Haas of Lima, Ohio, Oct. 13, 1923. She was born Apr. 15, 1902, at Pandora, Ohio. Here she obtained her education. For some time she was engaged as telephone operator at Pandora, Ohio. Then she worked in the Boss Mfg. Co, Bluffton, Ohio. They live in Toledo.

### XI—Cecelia Christina Welty, Bluffton, Ohio.

Cecelia C. began her toils in life Feb. 6, 1900, and received a graded school education. For some time she was employed at the Radio Shop at Bluffton, Ohio. Now she works for the Boss Mfg. Co. of this town. She was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church, Apr. 10, 1914. She made a camping trip with a crowd through the south and west. She is yet single.

### XII—Frederick Louis Welty, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Frederick L. found a welcome in this life, Oct. 3, 1901. He also has a graded and high school education, the latter in Bluffton, Ohio. He is still single and at home assisting in farming.

XIII—Cleo Alfonso Welty, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Cleo A. entered the path of life Oct. 10, 1903. He received a graded school education. He is still at home assisting in farming.

XIV—Edith Amelia Welty, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio, Typist.

Edith A. arrived in this world July 30, 1905. Besides graded schooling she graduated from the Bluffton high school Mar. 16, 1924. She is now typist at Ashland, Ohio. She was initiated by baptism into the St. John's Mennonite Church Mar. 25, 1921. She has been president of the Light Bearers' S. S. class. She was on a two weeks' camping trip in the state of Virginia.

XV—Cleona Mae Welty, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Cleona M. was the last arrival in this home, May 22, 1909. Having finished the rural school she is now attending the Bluffton high school. She was admitted to membership by baptism in the St. John's Mennonite Church Apr. 16, 1922. She made a tour through the eastern part of the United States.

L—Anna Welty, Graber, Fifth Generation, Pretty Prairie, Kans.

Anna was born in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, June 12, 1862. She received her schooling at the Hickory school, district No. 6. She always did domestic work. She was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1881. Dec. 7, 1890, she married Peter R. Graber at Moundridge, Kans. After marriage they moved to Hillsboro, Ore. For three years he was postmaster at Polk, Ore. Then they moved to Ritzville, Wash., where he proved up on a homestead, carried mail and run a small store. From here they moved back to Pretty Prairie, Kans., where he was in the mercantile business until 1923. Since then he deals in produce. He was born in Horadischt, Poland, Russia, May 24, 1862, where he was also baptized in 1872 and received into the Mennonite Church. He came to America in 1873, and obtained normal training at Salina, Kansas, then he taught school one term. To them were born:

I—Jesse Austin, Sixth Generation, Pretty Prairie, Kans., Merchant.

Jesse A. was born in Portland, Ore., Aug. 28, 1891. Besides common school he attended business college at Nickerson, Kans. Then he conducted a mercantile business in Pretty Prairie, Kans., for 12 years. At this place he obtained reception by baptism into the Mennonite Church in 1909, and in 1920 transferred his membership to the M. E. Church. In 1913 he went to Zurich, Mont., where he homsteaded a third section of

land, then he went back to P. P., Kansas, in 1917, and resumed mercantile business. He made three trips to Zurich, Mont. He was married to Grace Collingswood at Kingman, Kans., Oct. 17, 1912. She was born Feb. 12, 1894, at Pretty Prairie, where she attended high school one year, and one year in the Nickerson Business College. She joined the M. E. Church in 1901, where she was also baptized. She has served as Supt. of the Jr. Missionary Society and as S. S. teacher. To their home at Pretty Prairie came the first two children and the third one at Zurich, Mont.:

1—Gladys Lael, July 7, 1913, Seventh Generation.
2—Thomas Avert, Mar. 14, 1915, Seventh Generation.
3—Ellen Kathryn, Nov. 12, 1916, Seventh Generation.

**II—Florence Maryann Graber, Jones, Sixth Generation, Pretty Prairie, Kansas.**

Florence M. entered the arena of life Nov. 28, 1892, at Eugene, Ore. She was educated in Pretty Prairie, Kans. For eight years she was a telephone operator at this place. Here she was also baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church in 1909. With her parents she made a trip to Zurich, Mont., and one to Ohio. She was married to George Jones, Nov. 1, 1919, at Hutchinson, Kans. He was born Aug. 4, 1897, at Butler, Mo. He obtained his education at Harrison, Ark. Here he was also baptized and joined the M. E. Church. In 1920 they both joined the M. E. Church at Pretty Prairie, Kans. He is in the produce business. To them were born here:

1—Geo. Calvin, July 10, 1920, Seventh Generation.
2—Lee Thomas, Mar. 14, 1922, Seventh Generation.
3—Faye, Nov. 4, 1924, Seventh Generation.

**III—Elbert Lane Graber, Sixth Generation, Laborer, Oberlin, Kans.**

Elbert L. was initiated to this life Feb. 7, 1895, in Eugene, Ore. He was schooled at Pretty Prairie, Kans. From 1912-14 he was working for a R. R. Co. Now he works for the Produce Co., Oberlin, Kans. He received Christian baptism and membership in the Presbyterian Church in 1914. His childhood days were spent in Oregon and Washington and arrived to manhood in Kansas. He made three tours to Montana and that many to Ohio. He married Florence Emma Johnson in 1916. She was born Jan. 8, 1889, at Woodstone, Kans., and received her education at Edwardsville, and high school training at Glasco, Kans., and one year she attended college at Topeka, Kans. Then she taught school four years, then she was bookkeeper and cashier in a bank for four years. They live in

Oberlin, Kans. The first three children were born at Simpson, Kans., and the last two at Oberlin, namely (month and date not reported):

Seventh Generation

1—Richart Elbert, 1917.
2—Emma Jean, 1919
3—Robert Johnson, 1921.
4—Mary Anna, 1922.
5—Peter S. Geo., 1924.

IV—Cora Graber, Henderson, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

Cora entered this life Aug. 14, 1896. She attended graded school at Pretty Prairie, Kans. Here she was also baptized and joined the Mennonite Church in 1914. She married Walter W. Henderson, Aug. 17, 1915, at Hutchinson, Kans. First they lived on a farm near Pretty Prairie. In 1916 they moved to Goodwell, Okla., and in 1922 back on a farm at P. P. He was born Aug. 30, 1889, near Pretty Prairie. He went to school district No. 87, in Reno Co., Kans. He was baptized and joined church in 1914, where he served as S. S. teacher. To their home at P. P., Kans., came:

1—Donald Eugene, May 28, 1916, Seventh Generation.
2—Iris Elmo, Aug. 29, 1917, Seventh Generation.
3—Maggie Louise, Jan. 12, 1923, Seventh Generation.

## CHAPTER II.

Anna Barbara Welty, Badertscher, Fourth Generation, 1819-1893.



Mrs. Barbara Badertscher

Anna Barbara began her course of life in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmenthal, Canton Bern, Switzerland, June 3, 1819. She was the oldest daughter of John Welty, and his wife Christina (Gerber). She was baptized as an infant, and later as a young woman joined the Reformed Church. She was united in marriage with Ulrich Badertscher of Bern, Switzerland, in 1838. He was born in 1796, in Lauperswyl, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Prior to marriage she was a servant in a well-to-do family in the city of Bern. In 1884 she moved to Putnam Co., Ohio, where lived some of her brothers and one sister and her aged mother. Here she was re-baptized and joined the

Mennonite Church. She was a faithful mother and lived a devoted Christian life. She died Nov. 7, 1893, 8:00 A. M. To this union were born:

### A—Maria Badertscher, Fifth Generation, 1839-1904.

Maria was born in Bern, Switzerland, July, 1839. She lived a single life until death in 1904. Nothing further learned of her.

### B—Rudolph Badertscher, Fifth Generation.

Rudolph was born in Bern, Switzerland, June, 1843. He grew to manhood and died July 19, 1868. He never was married.

### C—John Badertscher, Fifth Generation.

John was born in Bern, Switzerland, in 1845, and died in 1847.

### D—Rosette Badertscher, Kammermann, Fifth Generation, 1850-1906.

Rosette was born in Bern, Switzerland, July 6, 1850. Here she grew to womanhood and obtained a fair education. She likely was baptized as an infant, catechised and joined the Reformed Church. She was united in marriage with John Frederick Kammermann of Lauperswyl, Almendingen, Canton Bern, in 1877. She lived until Mar. 16, 1906. This union was blessed with seven children. But their names have not been reported

### E—Carl Badertscher, Fifth Generation, Retired Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

Carl was born in Bern, Switzerland, Aug. 7, 1853. He obtained a good education. He was baptized as an infant, but when he came to Putnam Co., Ohio, he was rebaptized and joined the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, Ohio. He followed farming in Switzerland for 38 years. When coming to America in 1884 he again engaged in farming until he retired in Pandora a few years ago. He served as janitor of the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora from Feb. 1, 1918-Jan. 15, 1923. He is living a consistent Christian life, and is loyal to his church. In the U. S. he made a trip over western states and one to Alabama. He was married to Anna Weber, in Golaten, Canton Bern, Dec. 12, 1878. She was born Mar. 2, 1852, and died May 14, 1917. His second marriage was to Helena Sprunger of Berne, Ind., Mar. 29, 1921. She was born at Berne, Ind., Nov. 17, 1875. His children by his first wife all attended school in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, namely:

### I—Siegfried Carl Badertscher, Sixth Generation, Laborer, Salem, Ore., 1644 S. Liberty St.

Siegfried was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Oct. 8, 1879. In 1884 with his parents he came to Putnam Co., Ohio, U. S. He was bap-

tized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church as a young man. In 1907, when he moved to Oregon, he became a member of the Evangelical Church in Salem, Ore. Here he served as S. S. teacher and recording steward. While he was in Ohio he was farming. In Oregon he has followed sheet metal work for 17 years. His wife was born in Canton Aargau, Switzerland. They are the parents of:

1—Dorothy Elizabeth, July 25, 1912, Seventh Generation.

**II—Theresia Maria Badertscher, Amstutz, Sixth Generation, 1883-1920.**

Theresia M. was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, July 22, 1883 When a young woman she was baptized and united with the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora. She was married to Edwin Amstutz, Jan. 29, 1904. He was born Aug. 27, 1883. They farmed until 1922, when he engaged in restaurant business in Tiro, Ohio. She died Oct. 27, 1920. To them were born in Pandora, Ohio:

Seventh Generation

1—Lester Wm., Sept. 1, 190-.
2—Otto Monroe, Apr. 29, 1907.*
3—Melvin John, June 6, 1908.
4—Raymond Harley, Nov. 5, 1910. Died Dec. 28, 1910.
5—Naomi Frances, Mar. 3, 1912.
6—Gladys Pearl, Oct. 23, 1914.
7—Esther Luverne, July 26, 1917.

* Died the same day.

**III—Helena Badertscher, Moser, Sixth Generation, Lima, Ohio.**

Helena was born at Pandora, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1885. In 1903 she received baptism and membership in St. John's Mennonite Church. She married Philip Moser Jan. 26, 1905, at Bluffton, Ohio. He was born Apr. 19, 1884, and received a common school education. For a while he engaged in masonry and concrete work, but now is a motorman in Lima, Ohio, Street Car System. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Sylvanus, Sept. 14, 1905.
2—Oliver, Apr. 29, 1907.
3—Francis Carl, Aug. 4, 1909.
4—Esther Phenette, Feb. 16, 1912.
5—Bernice Evelyn, Dec. 25, 1915.

**IV—Arthur Badertscher, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Gilboa, Ohio.**

Arthur was born near Pandora, Ohio, Aug. 24, 1887. As a young man he received baptism and reception into the St. John's Mennonite Church. He married Lydia Seyer in 1908 at Gilboa, Ohio. They are farmers. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Leonard, July 21, 1908.
2—Lucille, Nov. 26, 1911.
3—Loraine, Dec. 25, 1916.
4—Leland, July 7, 1920.
5—Lester, Apr. 4, 1923.

V—Rosa Hulda Badertscher, Simon, Sixth Generation, Ada, Ohio.

Rosa H. was born at Pandora, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1889. As a young woman she was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church, where she attended S. S. She married Edwin Simon of Berne, Ind., Sept. 7, 1912. Here he was born Apr. 4, 1894. He farmed for some time, but is now employed in a garage in Ada, Ohio. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Carl Anthony, Feb. 20, 1913.
2—Alice Evelyn, May 16, 1914.
3—Mildred Ruth, Dec. 16, 1916.
4—Dale Eugene, Apr. 16, 1918.
5—Harry Donovan, Oct. 22, 1919.
6—Edwin, Jr., May 15, 1922.*
7—Evan Wain, Jan. 3, 1924.

* Died May 27, 1922.

VI—Otto K. Badertscher, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Oregon.

Otto K. was born at Pandora, Ohio, Feb. 29, 1892. He married Lydia Tschiegg, Jan. 22, 1914. She was born Jan. 26, 1894. From May 1, 1914 to Feb., 1915, they lived in Salem, Ore., where he learned the sheet and metal works trade. Now they farm. Born to them are:

1—Harold Eugene, Nov. 23, 1914, Seventh Generation.
2—Laverne Donovan, Aug. 2, 1918, Seventh Generation.

VII—Matilda Lily Badertscher, Weinmann, Sixth Generation, 1894-1917.

Matilda L. was born at Pandora, Ohio, July 17, 1894. When a young woman she received baptism and reception into the St. John's Mennonite Church. She married Edw. Weinmann Jan. 3, 1917. They farmed. She died May 17, 1917. To them was born:

1—Francis K. Weinmann, Apr. 30, 1917, Seventh Generation. His mother having died 11 days after his birth, a home was found for him at Daniel Basinger's.

## CHAPTER III.

### Peter Welty, Fourth Generation, 1822-1888.

Peter was the third child of John and Christina (Gerber) Welty. He was born Jan. 24, 1822, in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmenthal, Canton

Bern, Switzerland. He was baptized as an infant in the Reformed Church, to which his parents then belonged in Switzerland; but soon thereafter they united with the Mennonite (Wiedertäufer) church and was reared according to the tenets of this church. He obtained the usual rural schooling then in vogue. He immigrated to America with his brother John, Matthias and sister Verena in 1846, landing at New York City, from whence they came by way of the Hudson River per boat to Albany, thence per canal to Buffalo, N. Y., and then to Cleveland, Ohio, and on to Putnam Co., Ohio, near Pandora, where then already many Swiss people lived. Here he engaged in farming. The country then was new. The land was wet and heavily timbered. Much hard labor was required to clear away the timber, build fences, buildings, and put in water drainages. By constant industry and economy they secured to themselves a comfortable living. He continued farming for 40 years. He died June 23, 1888. He was married to Fanny Bixel, Mar. 1, 1849. Her home was Columbus Grove, Ohio. She was born in Holmes Co., Ohio. She died Apr. 12, 1916. She was a daughter of Peter Bixel. They lived an unassumed Christian life to their end, and reared their family in godliness and social purity. Their union was blessed with children as follows:

### A—Elizabeth Welty, Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1850-1892.

Elizabeth was born in Pleasant Township, Putnam Co., Ohio, near Pandora, Aug. 14, 1850. Here she attended district school. She was baptized on Good Friday, 1867, and joined the Swiss Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio. She lived a quiet Christian life exerting a wholesome influence in the home and community. She was married to Christian Baumgartner Jan. 15, 1874. He was born in Switzerland Nov. 7, 1850, where he received a good education. Being interested in church and S. S. work, he made a trip, with a crowd of S. S. workers, to the Holy Land in 1904. (See Baumgartner History.) She departed this life Mar. 20, 1892, at Pandora, Ohio. He died in Upland, Calif., Feb. 23, 1923, and was interred at Ontario, Calif. To them were born:

### I—Peter D. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, 1875-1915.

Peter D. was born at Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 29, 1875. He attended the Elm Central district school. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, by Rev. J. Moser, Mar. 23, 1894. Farming and well-digging were his employments. He married Anna Basinger, Sept. 3, 1902. She was born Mar. 11, 1874, and baptized and received into the same church as he, Apr. 3, 1903, by Rev. J. M. He died of pneumonia, Dec. 24,

1915, in Pandora. He made one trip to California. To them were born at Pandora, Ohio:

1—Mary Elizabeth Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Mary E. entered this life Sept. 29, 1908. She is now a Junior in the Pandora high school. She was baptized in the Grace Mennonite Church and received as a member Apr. 9, 1922.

2—Lillian Mae Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Lillian M. was born Mar. 24, 1913. She is now attending the Pandora public school.

II—Abraham Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Aberdeen, Idaho, Farmer

Abraham entered the path of life near Pandora, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1877. He obtained his education in district and Pandora high school. He was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church, on Good Friday, Mar. 23, 1894, by Rev. J. Moser. Here he served as S. S. teacher and three years as librarian. He is a farmer. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Habegger July 22, 1894. She was born July 15, 1876, and was baptized and joined the same church he did on the same date. She passed to her reward Aug. 13, 1916. She was a true Christian wife and mother, serving as teacher in the S. S. To them were born at Pandora, Ohio:

1—Silva Viola Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Teacher, Alta Loma, California.

Silva V. entered this life Sept. 7, 1903. She finished common and high schools, and has had two years of college work in Ontario, Calif., and is now teaching at Alta Loma, Calif. She is a member of the Mennonite Church. Her religious life is due largely to the exemplary religious life she had in the parental home, as also the rest of the children had. The girls live with their aunt Mary Detweiler in Ontario, Calif., while in school, where better school opportunities exist than in Idaho where their father lives.

2—Irvin Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Student, Bluffton, Ohio.

Irvin came to the trials of life Dec. 6, 1904. He has gone through the common and high schools, and is now in the third year of training for life's tasks, in Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. He also is a member of the Mennonite Church.

3—Gladyne Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Student, Ontario, Calif.

Gladyne began her race of life May, 1907. She finished common and

high schools and is now in the first year in college work in Ontario, Calif. She also is a member of the Mennonite Church.

### 4—Melvina Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Ontario, Calif.

Melvina began her walk of life May 20, 1909. She has completed her common school work and is now in her second year of high school in Ontario, Calif. All the children are active in the Young People's work in the Mennonite Church.

Abraham was married the second time with Lydia Jenkins at Chicago, Ill., Aug. 14, 1919. She was born in Halcott, Green Co., N. Y., Jan. 11, 1870, among the Catskill Mts. She received a district school education. From youth up she had an ambition for missionary work. When she was 21 years old she went to a seminary in western N. Y., but soon thereafter her father died, and she had to return home to care for mother. Ten years later, when her mother died, she went to the Missionary Alliance Bible School at Nyack, on the Hudson River. For 18 years she worked in some form of mission work in Chicago in a Hebrew Mission, in Helen Clark's Rescue Home in N. Y. City, then in Helen Collins' Children's Home in Nyack, N. Y. While in Chicago, she met Abraham Baumgartner, who had come to see his sister Fannie (with whom she was intimate) which later developed into a marriage. She speaks of the high Christian qualities of Abe's first wife and the fine Christian influence she exerted over the children, to whom she now came to be a mother. He has lived one year in Upland, Calif., where he worked in a lemon and orange packing house. He also lived in Oregon. Traveled through Yellowstone National Park. He now lives in Aberdeen, Idaho.

### III—Prof. John Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Brinkley, Ark.



Prof. John Baumgartner

John entered his path of life at Bluffton, Ohio, July 26, 1880. After completing graded school he went to Pandora high school and graduated Aug. 12, 1900. Then attended one year Bluffton College, one year Lima Business College. In 1911 he received his B. S. degree from the Valparaiso (Ind.) University, and his B. A. in 1914. In 1920 he obtained his M. S. degree from the Arkansas State University, and in 1922 his M. A. degree from the University of Chicago. Thus being well equipped he in earnest took up school work as his life's profession. He left Ohio for Arkansas in 1903 where he taught

school for eight years when he became superintendent of schools and also taught for 15 years at the following places: Yoder Station school. Stuttgart public schools, Roe public schools, and lastly was 13 years Supt. of the Brinkley public schools, all in Ark., and was in 1926 re-elected for another term of three years. He spent 15 summers in summer schools, making a total of four and two-thirds years in actual time. He is also a member of the Ark. State University Extension Faculty at Brinkley, and for five years he has been a member of the Summer Faculty of the Ark. State Teachers' College at Conway. He is now working for a Ph. D. degree.

By baptism he was received into the St. John's Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, in 1900. In 1907 he became a member of the M. E. Church at Stuttgart, Ark. He has been active as steward, S. S. Supt., S. S. teacher and Pres. of the Y. P. Society. He also rendered valuable service assisting at home in the World War drive. He made quite extensive travels in the United States for pleasure and education, and in Canada and Mexico. He was married Apr. 25, 1908, to Lou Ella Von Arsdell of Stuttgart, Ark., where he at that time taught school. She was born Nov. 4, 1886, and graduated from Stuttgart high school in 1904. She also attended the Springfield Normal, Mo.; Valparaiso University, Ind.; Ark. State University; University of Chicago; Jonesboro, Ark., Agricultural School, and graduated from the Ark. State Teachers' College, where she received her A. B. degree in 1924. She taught school for sixteen years and has been principal of the Berkley public schools for 12 years. She was baptized in 1902, in the Baptist Church in Stuttgart, Ark., and then became a member of it. She is an active worker in the churches, S. S. teacher and B. Y. P. U. Pres. They now live in Brinkley, Ark.

### IV—Fannie Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Missionary to Lichow, Hunan, China.

Fannie's eventful life began near Pandora, Ohio, Mar. 7, 1883. She attended Central School, No. 9, in Putnam Co. Her mother having died when she was 10 years old, she was deprived of many school privileges, having to take up the task of keeping house for father and act as mother for the younger children. From early life she craved to be a missionary to China. Her preparations for this were repeatedly interrupted with household duties, and otherwise. She was always ready to serve others before serving herself. Thus she exhibited an unselfish Christian spirit. She was permitted to take a course in the Bible Training School in Fort Wayne, Ind., and attended night school in Chicago, Ill., in connection with missionary work she did there for eight years in the Hebrew Mission. She

also took one term of school work in Boone Institution, Iowa. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1900. In 1904, she joined the Missionary Alliance Church here. In 1919 she was appointed to go as a missionary to China. She sailed December 3, of this year under the Mission Board of her church, but this church not being able to build a Mission House in China at that time, she found opportunity and worked under other denominational Mission Boards. She is at present at Lichow, Hunan, China, where she has been for five years doing mission work among women and children, in which position she is very happy. Prior to going out as a missionary she was serving in the home church as a S. S. teacher, and did home missionary work. For pleasure and recreation she made several trips into Ohio, to Chicago, Ill.; Idaho, Indiana, and California. She is beloved in the family and travels the single path of life.

**V—Katie Baumgartner, Habegger, Sixth Generation, Alta Loma, Calif.**

Katie was born near Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 5, 1886, where her education was obtained in district No. 9. Here she was baptized and received into St. John's Mennonite Church, on Easter Sunday, 1903. She is now a worker in the Women's Missionary Society, and in the, "Serving Other Circle" of her church. She married Isaac Habegger, Mar. 27, 1906, at Pandora, Ohio. He was baptized and received membership in the Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio, in 1904; and in 1906 both transferred their membership to the First Mennonite Church in Upland, Calif. He was born at Bluffton, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1883. His occupation is farming on a ranch. Due to her illness she sought the benefit of the climate of California in 1904 which greatly benefitted her. They now live at Alta Loma, Calif. To them were born:

**1—Lorene Elizabeth Habegger, Cline, Seventh Generation, Alta Loma, California.**

Lorene E. was born at Cucamonga, Calif., Feb. 5, 1907. She went through common school, and the Chaffey Union high school at Ontario, Calif. She was baptized and joined the Upland Mennonite Church, Jan. 11, 1919. She entered married life with J. Ernest Cline, Jan. 15, 1924, at Alta Loma, Calif. He was born April 4, 1904. He is a graduate of the Chaffey U. H. School and also attended Chaffey Junior College. Concrete engineering is his vocation. He was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church in Upland, Calif., but Dec. 28, 1924, transferred his membership to his wife's church. To them was born:

a—Gwennolyn Marie, May 6, 1925, Eighth Generation.

2—Elvira Marie Habegger, Seventh Generation.

Elvira M. was born Apr. 1, 1910, in Upland, Calif. She is now in school.

3—Olin Isaac Habegger, Seventh Generation.

Olin I. entered this life Apr. 5, 1915, Upland, Calif., and is now in school.

4—Oliver Ray Habegger, Seventh Generation.

Oliver R. began his earthly career in Upland, Apr. 15, 1918, and is now in school.

VI—Marie A. Baumgartner, Dettweiler, Sixth Generation, Alta Loma, Calif.

Marie A. was initiated to this life at Pandora, Ohio, May 15, 1888, where she attended district school No. 9, then Pandora high school, and next Chaffey U. H. S. at Ontario, Calif. She is a seamstress and housekeeper. She was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1903. She has served as S. S. teacher at Upland, Calif., for eight years also as Supt. of the Junior and Intermediate S. S. Dept., Pres. of the Y. P. meetings, and of the W. M. Society for two years. In 1910 she made a trip to Ohio, Niagara Falls, Chicago, Kansas and Oklahoma. She married Daniel S. Dettweiler, July 25, 1910, at Alta Loma, Calif. He attended common school, No. 78, Harvey Co., Kans. Then Bethel College, Newton, Kans. They live at Alta Loma, Calif., where he is an orange grower. He has been trustee in the church for three years and otherwise is active.

B—Daniel Welty, Fifth Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Retired Farmer.

Daniel entered the arena of life in Pleasant Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, Nov. 16, 1851. Here he was reared and educated. Early in life he was baptized, and received into the Swiss Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio. He graces the church with a quiet and modest Christian life. He farmed until he retired and moved to Pandora. He married Maria Lena Aerni in 1876. She was born in Switzerland, Mar. 12, 1854, and with her parents came to America when nine years old. When a young woman she was baptized and received into his church. She departed this life June 4, 1919. To them were born near Pandora, Ohio:

I—Isaiah W. Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

Isaiah entered this life, Feb. 24, 1878. He attended the Central School, Riley Tp., district No. 9. When 21 years old he clerked one year in a dry goods and grocery store. Then he engaged in farming and thrashing in the home community. When 18 years old he was baptized, and joined

the St. John's Mennonite Church near Pandora. He united in marriage with Caroline Augsburger, Bluffton, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1901. To their home near Pandora, Ohio, came:

1—Walter W. Welty, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Farmer.

Walter W. was born Oct. 1, 1904. He attended the "Bucher" school and one year the Bluffton high school. He is now farming. He was baptized, and received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church, Apr. 18, 1919.

2 and 3—Melvin and Melvina Welty (Twins), Seventh Generation.

Melvin and Melvina arrived together in this world July 16, 1907, and died August 8 and 28 respectively of the same year.

4—Barbara Lena Welty, Seventh Generation.

Barbara L. was born Dec 15, 1909. She attended the "Bucher" school. She is now in the third year Bluffton high school. She was baptized and admitted into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church, Apr. 20, 1924.

5—Edna Marie Welty, Seventh Generation.

Edna M. was born Mar. 25, 1911. She is now attending public school.

6—Viola Mable Welty, Seventh Generation.

Viola M. was born Nov. 17, 1914. She is now in public school.

7—Wilma Ida Welty, Seventh Generation.

Wilma I. was born June 26, 1918, and is now in public school.

II—Jesse Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer and Carpenter, Bluffton, Ohio, R. R. No. 4.

Jesse was born Sept. 24, 1879. He attended district school No. 9, in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., and then Pandora high school. He farms and does carpenter work. He was baptized and became a member of the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1896. He married Minnie Augsburger, Mar. 11, 1902. She was born near Berne, Ind., June 10, 1882. She was baptized and received into church when 16 years old. To their home came:

1—Henry D. Welty, Seventh Generation, Student, Bluffton, Ohio.

Henry D. began life near Pandora, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1903. He attended the Mt. Cory public and high schools, from the latter he graduated in 1923 with a first class diploma. Then he entered Bluffton College, where he now is a student. During summer vacations he does carpentering and masonry. He was baptized and received into the First Mennonite Church

in Bluffton, Ohio, Apr. 13, 1919. Here he served two years as president of the Intermediate Christian Endeavorers, and as treasurer of the Senior C. E. Took two years of Teachers' Training Class work. He was at Chicago, studying art and architecture, and machine shop work in Detroit, Mich. He made a sight-seeing trip to Canada.

2—Oliver M. Welty, Seventh Generation, Football Player, Bluffton, Ohio.

Oliver M. began the race of life near Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 12, 1906. He attended public school at Mt. Corey, Ohio, where he graduated from high school in 1925. He is lined up with a football team. He has traveled some for pleasure.

3—Fannie Lenora Welty, Seventh Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Fannie L. entered the activities of life in Union Tp., Hancock Co., Ohio, Feb. 18, 1910. She has finished public school and is now attending Mt. Corey high school. She was baptized, and received into the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, Ohio, March 25, 1923, where she attends S. S. and C. E. S.

4—Alice Florence Welty, Seventh Generation.

Alice F. began her earthly mission in Union Tp., Hancock Co., Ohio, Dec. 19, 1914. She is now in the 5th grade in public school work. She goes to the First Mennonite Church S. S. and Junior C. E.

5—Esther Marie Welty, Seventh Generation.

Esther M. entered life's pathway in Union Tp., Hancock Co., Ohio, May 4, 1917. She is attending Mt. Corey public school, 3d grade.

6—Harold Jesse Welty, Seventh Generation.

Harold J. was born in Union Tp., Hancock Co., Ohio, Oct. 8, 1919, and is now in school.

III—Fanny Welty, Sixth Generation, 1881-1925.

Fanny entered the trials of this world near Pandora, Ohio, Feb. 5, 1881. She only attended the home district school. Aside from housework she worked in the overall factory in Pandora, Ohio. When 18 years old she was baptized, and admitted into the St. John's Mennonite Church. She lived a good Christian life and has been a S. S. teacher here. She died happy in the Lord, having given a bright testimony of her faith just before her demise, on Jan. 2, 1925, in the Bluffton Community Hospital after a two days' illness.

**IV—Elizabeth Welty, Flath, Sixth Generation, Beaverdam, Ohio.**

Elizabeth came to this world in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, March 22, 1882. Aside from common school she attended high school in Pandora, Ohio. Here she worked five years in the overall factory. She was baptized, and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1899, and served as teacher in the S. S., exemplifying her Christian life. Dec. 20, 1906, she gave her hand in marriage to Philip Flath. He was born Mar. 30, 1877, near Pandora, Ohio. At two years old his father died; he then lived with Christian Geiger 17 years, and 10 years with Elias Niswander. In 1901 he entered the Central Mennonite College, Bluffton, Ohio, where he graduated from the Business Course. In 1902 he made a tour west. He received baptism and membership at the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1897, and served as S. S. teacher and superintendent and as C. E. president. In 1910 they both transferred their membership to the Presbyterian Church at Rockport, Ohio, where he served the past five years as a trustee, and president of the C. E. three years. He is now a S. S. teacher. He was registered for the World War, but was never called into camp. They live near Beaverdam, Ohio, where they are farming and trucking. To them came:

1—Philip Paul Flath, Seventh Generation.

Philip P. was born Sept. 14, 1908, and died the same day.

2—Lena Marie Flath, Seventh Generation.

Lena was born May 6, 1919. Soon after her 2d birthday she became afflicted with spinal tuberculosis. At three years old she was taken to Lima City Hospital and put on a stretcher, and strapped on her back for nearly 16 months, and then she wore a jacket for over a year when it was removed, and was found by X-ray examination that her spine was in a splendid condition, and she is now a strong and sturdy girl, seven years old.

**V—Mary A. Welty, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.**

Mary A. entered the vicissitudes of life at Pandora, Ohio, July 9, 1884. Here she went to school. She does domestic factory work in the overall factory in Pandora, Ohio. In 1902 she was baptized and admitted as a member of the St. John's Mennonite Church. She never married.

**VI—Ida Welty, Sixth Generation, was born 1886, and died 1924.**

**VII—Adeline Welty, Gallant, Sixth Generation, Dressmaker, Findlay, O.**

Adeline was born near Pandora, Ohio, June 19, 1888. She attended public school and high school at Pandora. Then for better equipment she

studied at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind. Then she taught school in Orange Tp., in Hancock Co., Ohio, for three years. She is now a dressmaker. In 1903 she was baptized, and joined the Mennonite Church, but later transferred her membership to the Riley Creek Baptist Church. She was married to Irvin Gallant, Sept. 3, 1916. He was born Sept. 3, 1888. He graduated from Lima Business College, Lima, Ohio. After serving several book-keeping positions, he farmed for a time. He is now in the sugar manufacturing business in Findlay, Ohio. To their home came:

1—Emerson, Oct. 10, 1917, Seventh Generation. Died the same day.

2—Lena Naomi, Aug. 19, 1920, Seventh Generation.

### VIII—Levi E. Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

Levi E. was born near Pandora, Ohio, Sept. 20, 1893. He only went to rural school. He is a farmer. Received baptism and reception into the St. John's Mennonite Church, May 4, 1910. He was married to Golda D. Doty of Bluffton, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1917. To them came:

1—Catharine Lucille Welty, born in 1918.

### C—Barbara Welty, Fifth Generation.

Barbara was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, Aug. 2, 1853. She departed this life June 25, 1863.

D—Jacob Welty, Fifth Generation, Jan. 10, 1855, and passed beyond.

E—Anna Welty, Fifth Generation, Oct. 29, 1856, died Mar. 29, 1885.

F—Adam Welty, Fifth Generation, Jan. 9, 1858, died Mar. 25, 1860.

G—Fanny Welty, Fifth Generation, Oct. 7, 1859, died Sept. 12, 1861.

H—Isaac Welty, Fifth Generation, July 1, 1861, died Jan. 9, 1862.

### I—Peter P. Welty, Fifth Generation, General Contractor and Patentee, Pandora, Ohio.

Peter P. began the shifts of life in Putnam Co., Ohio, Aug. 2, 1863. Religiously he was reared in the faith of his parents. He says, "My college education I received in the backwoods." He was a farmer, then for nine years he was saw-miller and planer at Columbus Grove, Ohio, then in the broom business for seven years, near Pandora, Ohio. At present he is general contractor. He is patentee of the asphalt brickveneer siding, patented Nov. 11, 1924, No. 1,515,530. He received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church near Pandora, Apr. 7, 1884. He was a member of the Building Committee of the Grace Church in 1919, an evidence of the church's confidence she reposed in his ability as a constructor of a church building. He has traveled in 37 states, south, west,

and north, including Canada. Nov. 10, 1885, he was married to Anna Zuercher. She departed this life, Oct. 4, 1905. Later he was married to Eliza Moser of Wayne Co, Ohio. She died Apr. 5, 1909. He was married the third time, Apr. 25, 1911, with Martha Sprunger, of Berne, Ind. The following are his children:

**I—Philip B. Welty, Sixth Generation, Architect and Builder, Lima, Ohio.**

Phillip B. entered the path of life at Pandora, Ohio, Mar. 3, 1887. His mother's name was Zuercher. Aside from rural school, he attended the Columbus Grove high school, and the Lima Business College, Lima, Ohio. He has been an architect and home builder in Lima for 14 years, with marked success He received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church at Pandora in 1904. He is now a member of the U. B. Church in Columbus Grove, Ohio, where he served as S. S. teacher, and as a church trustee. He traveled north, south and east for pleasure and education. He married Luella Frankhauser at Pandora, Jan. 5, 1908. Their homes is blessed with:

1—Margaret Anna, Feb. 14, 1909, Seventh Generation.
2—Philip Alfred, Sept. 8, 1912, Seventh Generation.
3—Edna May, June 21, 1915, Seventh Generation.

**II—Jos'a W. Welty, Sixth Generation, Restaurant Proprietor, Toledo, O.**

Josia W. was born at Pandora, Ohio, Aug. 27, 1888. His mother's name was Zuercher. He graduated from the Columbus Grove high school in 1907. He has been a restaurant proprietor and manager for 16 years, first in Lima, now in Toledo, Ohio. He received baptism and reception into the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora in 1904. He has traveled over a large part of the United States, Canada, Jamaica, Cuba and South America. These were enjoyable and educative tours. On June 12, 1910, he married Gertrude Ketner of Columbus Grove, Ohio. Time of her birth not given.

**III—Selma Isabell Welty, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.**

Selma I. entered the arena of life in Columbus Grove, Ohio, Oct. 23, 1907. Her mother's name was Moser, half-sister to Philip and Josia. Here she finished the graded school and in 1924, graduated from the Pandora high school. She received Christian baptism and admission into the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, Apr. 1, 1923. Vocation of life not given.

**IV—Wilbert Nelson Welty, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.**

Wilbert N. started his walk of life in Columbus Grove, Ohio, Feb. 17,

1909, full brother to Selma. Here he finished the graded school and graduated from the Pandora high school in 1924. He received baptism and reception into the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, Apr. 1, 1923. His vocation not mentioned.

### J—John J. Welty, Fifth Generation, Phoenix, Ariz.

John J. entered his course of life near Columbus Grove, Ohio, May 18, 1865. Here he obtained a common school education, and farmed and did shop work. He has been a carpenter, contractor and builder. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, when 23 years old. He has been an active participant in the activitives of the church, loyally discharging his entrusted obligations. For 18 years he served his church as an elder; four years as S. S. superintendent; 22 years as S. S. teacher; and one year as president of the Young People's Society in the church. He also has been a spiritual adviser for 16 years in the County Tubercular and Poorhouse Institution, Mericopa Co., Phoenix, Ariz., where he now lives. For some time he lived with his family in Niagara Falls, N. Y. As he testifies for himself, "My delight is to walk in the light of the Lord as He is in the light." 1 Joh. 1:7. Thus he has made himself a channel of blessing to needy humanity. He entered matrimony with Sarah Diller of Bluffton, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1890. Here she was born Dec. 9, 1869. Their union was blessed with:

I—Lillian S. Welty, Dec. 11, 1892, Sixth Generation, died Apr. 23, 1893.

### II—Waldo K. Welty, Sixth Generation, Mechanic, Phoenix, Ariz.

Waldo began his earthly activities near Bluffton, Ohio, May 13, 1894. After finishing graded school he entered the Phoenix high school, from which he graduated. Then he took a course in the Chicago Mechanical School. Since then he has followed the work of a mechanic for 18 years in Phoenix, Ariz. He gives no church affiliation. He has traveled northern Arizona. On January 25, 1916, he joined hands in marriage with Ruby Lee Smith of Phoenix, Ariz. She was born in Missouri, Sept. 30, 1896. To their home came:

1—Ruth Elinor, Apr. 24, 1919, Seventh Generation.

### III—Gladys O. Welty, Jones, Sixth Generation, Phoenix, Ariz.

Gladys O. entered the arena of life in Pandora, Ohio, Feb. 5, 1899. Aside from graded school she attended the Phoenix high school, Ariz. She became the wife of Wm. Jones, Dec. 24, 1915. He was born in Phoenix, Ariz., Mar. 2, 1896. They give no church relation, but she has served two

years as pianist of the Madison Sunday school in Phoenix To their home came:

1—Billy Thorlin, June 29, 1916, Seventh Generation.

### IV—Dr. Stella G. Welty, Sixth Generation, Phoenix, Ariz.

Stella G. began her journey of life in Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 12, 1908. After finishing graded school she entered the Phoenix Union high school and the Arizona School of Music, graduating from both. She carries the title Dr. in P. U. H. S., where she is still pursuing post graduate work. She received Christian baptism and reception into the Missionary Church in 1915. She has a promising future. She made a pleasure tour to the Pacific coast.

### K—Mary Welty Burry, Fifth Generation, 1866-1904.

Mary first saw the light of this world near Pandora, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1866. She only had common school education. Here she united with the Mennonite Church, when a young woman. She was married to Gotfried G. Burry, Nov. 20, 1890, in the St. John's Mennonite Church, Rev. John Moser officiating. He came to America from Sonceboz, Switzerland, in 1883, with his parents, settling at Berne, Ind. Later they moved to Pandora, Ohio. She died June 10, 1904, at Pandora, Ohio. To them were born:

### I—Cora Burry, Rummel, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Cora arrived in this world near Pandora, Ohio, Mar. 5. 1892. She attended public school at Berne, Ind., where her parents moved about 1893. Later moving back to Pandora, she attended school there and after mother's death, she attended school at Fort Wayne. For two years she was an employee in the Fort Wayne Box Factory. She received baptism and membership in the Congregational Church at Fort Wayne, in 1909. She made pleasure trips in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York. She married Roy F. Rummel, June 8, 1911, at Fort Wayne, Ind. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1888, but was raised in Maryland. To them were born:

1—Elain K., Seventh Generation, Mar. 11, 1912, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

2—Eugene F., Seventh Generation, Jan. 8, 1914, Pandora, Ohio.

3—Lyman B., Seventh Generation, Dec. 19, 1917, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

4—Donalda Virginia, Seventh Generation, Mar. 26, 1920, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

### II—Edison Milton Burry, Sixth Generation, Electrician, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Edison M. entered this life July 25, 1894, at Berne, Ind. He received his education in Berne, Ind.; Pandora, Ohio, and in the Ft. Wayne Busi-

ness College. His vocation has been printer and electrician five and eight years respectively. He is now electrician at the General Electric Company, Ft. Wayne. By baptism he became a member of the Congregational Church, Fort Wayne, on Easter Sunday, 1911. May, 1912, he transferred his membership to the Crescent Evangelical Church, where he has served as S. S. teacher, Y. P. A. president and as a steward. Previous to coming to Ft. Wayne he worked on a farm near Beaverdam, Ohio. For a while he was a printer in Battle Creek, Mich. He made a number of pleasure trips in Ind., Ill., and Mo. He was married to Sadie Clark, of Hillsdale, Mich., Nov. 8, 1913. To their home came:

1—Robert Monon, Seventh Generation, Dec. 19, 1914, and died Jan. 5, 1915.

2—Anna Jane, Seventh Generation, Feb. 10, 1918, at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

3—Howard Stanley, Seventh Generation, June 24, 1920, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

**L—Solomon S. Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.**

Solomon S. was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, Oct. 10, 1868. He has a rural school education. He farmed 40 years, in Putnam and Allen counties. He was reared in the doctrine of the Mennonite Church, where he was baptized and received as member Mar. 30, 1888, and has since lived a respectable Christian life. He entered matrimonial life with Barbara Amstutz, Jan. 23, 1890, in St. John's Mennonite Church. She was born Dec. 6, 1868, and baptized and received into his church at the same time. To this union were born near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio:

**I—Metta Welty, Probst, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.**

Metta entered life's pathway Apr. 5, 1891. She attended the Stager district school. She received baptism and admission into the St. John's Mennonite Church Apr., 1908, gracing her Christian life with faithfulness. She made a pleasure trip to California. She was wedded to Joseph H. Probst Mar. 18, 1923. He was born Jan. 21, 1885, in Putnam Co., Ohio, where he obtained a district school education. He farmed two years, then took work in the Pandora Times office. In 1915 he visited the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, Calif. To them was born:

1—Sherwood Stanley, Apr. 3, 1924, Seventh Generation.

**II—Bertha S. Welty, Sixth Generation, 1893-1916.**

Bertha S. was born Feb. 25, 1893. She enjoyed good school privileges,

and became a member of the Mennonite Church and lived to full womanhood when she was summoned to realms above, July 2, 1916.

III—Hiram S. Welty, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio, Mechanic.

Hiram S. entered the struggles of life Mar. 1, 1895. He attended the Stager district school. He then took up mechanical work and spent five years in the Dixie Motor Co., Bluffton, Ohio. He received the rite of baptism and church membership in the St. John's Mennonite Church Apr. 5, 1912. He served in the World War, received his training in Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. His rank was Pot. I. C., in Hospital Corps service. He was discharged from this camp June 25, 1919. He was not overseas. He married Elizabeth L. Riggenbach, at Columbus Grove, Ohio, where she was born Oct. 20, 1898. Here she graduated from the elementary school, and is a member of the First Christian Church since 1913. She has traveled in California and other western states. To their home came:

1—Donald Wade, May 12, 1924, Seventh Generation.

IV—Mary S. Welty (Mrs. Rev. Riest), Sixth Generation, Didsbury, Canada.

Mary S. began her earthly life, Jan. 14, 1897. Besides attending public schools, she studied in Bluffton College and two years in Marion College, Ind., and graduated in a two years' Bible course. She was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church, Apr. 5, 1912, where she served as Primary assistant teacher. She traveled in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Idaho and California. She gave her hand in marriage to Wilmer Riest, May 30, 1924, in Pandora, Ohio. He was born in Breslau, Ontario, Jan. 8, 1893. When six years old he moved with his parents to Alberta, Canada, settling at Didsbury, remaining until 1919, when he entered Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. Here he finished the Academic course, and three years in college work, then he entered Marion College, Marion, Ind., two years, where he graduated with a B. A. degree in 1924. He spent seven months in the Provincial Agricultural College at Olds, Alberta, Canada, in 1915-16. At present he is pastor of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, near Didsbury, Canada. He has traveled in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and northwestern states and western Canada. To them came:

1—Gordon W., May 28, 1925, in Castor, Alberta, Canada, Seventh Generation.

V—Lona Welty, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Lona made her debut in life May 18, 1899. She only finished elemen-

tary school, Richland Tp., Allen Co., Ohio. She does domestic work. She received baptism and reception into the St. John's Mennonite Church June 15, 1913. She is traveling single-handed.

### VI—Rosa Welty, Sixth Generation, Employee, Bluffton, Ohio.

Rosa entered the arena of life Sept. 7, 1901. She graduated from the Stager elementary school and Allen Co. high school, May 9, 1916. In Jan., 1921 she took four weeks of Bible study in Bluffton College. She does domestic work and is employed in the Read Rite Meter Works in Bluffton, Ohio. She received the rite of baptism and admission into the St. John's Mennonite Church Apr. 21, 1916. She walks the single path of life.

### VII—Amanda Welty, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Amanda began her world activities Aug. 10, 1903. She completed the Stager district elementary school work, and is now engaged in general housework. She was baptized and received into the fellowship of the St. John's Mennonite Church May 5, 1918. She is yet single.

### VIII—Susie Welty, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Susie commenced her trial in life Nov. 1, 1904. She graduated from the Stager Dist. elementary school. She does general housework. She received baptism and admission into the St. John's Mennonite Church, Apr. 18, 1919. She is yet single.

### M—Magdalena Welty, Fifth Generation.

Magdalena was born Mar. 6, 1871, and her life ended Mar. 14th.

### N—Christian C. Welty, Fifth Generation, Carpenter, Patent Maker, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Christian C. was the youngest of 14 children, and was initiated to the trials of life at Pandora, Ohio, July 21, 1872. His school life was limited to district school. For 30 years he followed carpenter work, and was for the most part a contractor, putting up many large barns in Putnam and Allen counties, Ohio. He is also a fine cabinet maker, at which he works at home, evenings and mornings. He moved to Ft. Wayne, Ind., Nov. 14, 1917, where he has been pattern maker in the Ft. Wayne Box Factory for two years, and before was shipping clerk for six years. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, in the spring of 1888. He transferred his membership to the Missionary Church at Pandora in 1900, and to the First Missionary Church in Ft. Wayne Ind., in 1918. He has served as deacon in the church for 18 years and three years



C. C. WELTY AND FAMILY

as elder. As S. S. teacher for 20 years, trustee for eight years, and now is the Building Fund treasurer for the third year. His life has been a busy one, freighted with great temporal and religious responsibility. He has discharged his trusts with devotion and fidelity. He entered matrimonial life with Alberta A. Burry of Pandora, Ohio, Dec. 2, 1892. She was born in Subo, Switzerland, Feb. 12, 1871. She has attended district school. To their home at Pandora, came:

**I—Clarence W. Welty, Sixth Generation, Photographer, Denver, Colo.**

Clarence arrived in this world Mar. 8, 1893. He graduated in the Pandora schools and then entered the College of Photography, which line of work he pursued seven years in Pandora, Ohio. He now lives in Denver, Colorado, where he continues his photography work. He was baptized and received into the Missionary Church in Pandora, Ohio, in 1912. When he moved to Denver, Colo., he united with the M. E. Church. He is a World War veteran, received his discharge from Camp Sherman, Ohio, July 24, 1919, where he was in training. He rose to sergeant in the Medical Corps. He is still single. Has traveled some for recreation.

**II and III—Edison and Lester Welty, Sixth Generation, Shipping Clerk, Fort Wayne, Ind.**

Edison and Lester were born twins, July 7, 1894. The latter died on his birthday. Edison finished the Pandora schools, and a course in the Ft. Wayne Bible Training School and International Business College of Ft. Wayne, Ind. For five years he engaged in carpenter work at Pandora, Ohio. He is now shipping clerk in the Ft. Wayne Box Factory. He received baptism and reception into the Missionary Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1912, and transferred his membership to the First Missionary Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., in 1918. He has served as S. S. treasurer. He entered World War service in Camp Taylor, Ky., and ranked as 1st class private in the Medical Corps. He was overseas eight months, but was not in the front line. He was discharged July 14, 1919, from Camp Sherman, Ohio. He made a pleasure trip into Pennsylvania. He was married to Aura R. Wagner of Mt. Cory, Ohio, Sept. 26, 1920. They reside in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

**IV—Alma L. Welty, Sprunger, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.**

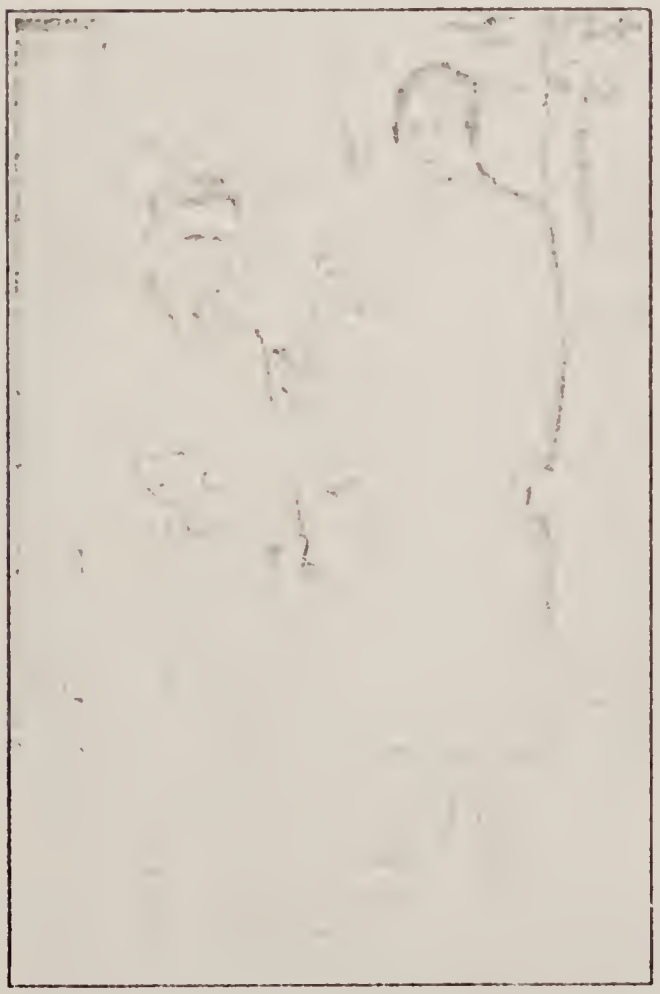
Alma L. began the toils of life Dec. 5, 1896. She graduated from the Pandora high school, 1915. Also took a course in the International Business College, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Here she worked in the Ft. Wayne Box Factory, then in the Gen. Electric Co. April, 1912, she received baptism

and reception into the Missionary Church in Pandora, Ohio. In 1918 she transferred her membership to the First Missionary Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind. She was married to Elam E. Sprunger at Ft. Wayne, July 26, 1919. He was born in Berne, Ind., Mar. 17, 1893. He graduated from the Harlan high school in Allen Co., in 1911. Then he attended two years the Tri-State College, Angola, Ind., and two years the Indiana State University, Ft. Wayne Division. Taught school five years, and is now a rural mail carrier out of Ft. Wayne, Ind., the eighth year, and assists in the Indiana Hatchery, owning one-half interest in it. He is a member of her church, is a teacher in S. S.; president of the Y. P. Society and assistant S. S. Supt. During the World War he was in the Medical Corps, Base Hospital, in Camp Taylor, Ky., where he was discharged Apr. 18, 1919. To them were born:

1—Phyllis Reigh, June 29, 1921, Seventh Generation.

2—Janice Marie, Aug. 23, 1924, Seventh Generation.

**V—Viola M. Welty (Mrs. Rev. G. Kliewer), Sixth Generation, Missionary, India**



Rev. Gerhart P. Kliewer and Family

Viola M. began her trials of life Aug. 2, 1898. She graduated in the Pandora high school; the Ft. Wayne Bible Training School; and the Chicago Evangelistic School. Then she did clerical work for two years in Ft. Wayne, Ind. She was baptized April, 1912, and joined the Missionary Church at Pandora, Ohio. She served as S. S. teacher five years, Y. P. Society Pres., one year; S. S. Cradle Roll Dept., two years. These activities speak for themselves. She traveled in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas and the Pacific coast. On Dec. 31, 1918, she was united in marriage with Rev. Gerhart P. Kliewer at Ft. Wayne, Ind. He was born in Elbing, Kans. Took a course in the Bible Training School, Ft. Wayne, and at the Chicago Evangelistic Institute, and did post

graduate work at Oil Valley, Kansas, one year, and then served Elkton Society, Mich., for three years. Both prepared for missionary work in India, and were sent Jan., 1925. They are now located in India, enjoying their work amidst many hardships. Born to them are:

1—LaWayne Paul, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 22, 1920, Seventh Generation.

2—Ellis Merle, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Aug. 20, 1922, Seventh Generation.

### VI—Florence Welty, Roth, Sixth Generation, Grabill, Ind.

Florence started on her career, Aug. 14, 1900. She graduated from the Pandora high school and from the Central high school, Ft. Wayne, Ind. She was baptized in 1915, became a member of the Missionary Church at Pandora, Ohio, and in 1918 of the First Missionary Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Here she has been pianist for two years. She made a sight-seeing trip to Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Toronto, Canada; Detroit, Mich.; Chicago, Ill. She married R. P. Roth, Oct. 8, 1921, at Ft. Wayne. He was born at Grabill, Allen Co., Ind., Aug. 30, 1900. He graduated from Leo high school, and International Business College, Fort Wayne. He is now cashier in the Grabill State Bank, where they live.

### VII—Edith F. Welty, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Edith F. entered this life Jan. 9, 1903. She first went to school at Pandora, Ohio, when, on moving to Ft. Wayne, Ind., she attended the Hoagland and Central high school. Then she became a bookbinder in the Hoosier Press Co. In 1915, by baptism she became a member of the Missionary Church at Pandora, Ohio, and in 1918, transferred to the First Missionary Church in Ft. Wayne. In 1919 she made a pleasure trip to Niagara Falls; Toronto, Canada; Louisville, Ky., and southern Indiana. She is still single.

### VIII—Verna E. Welty, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Verna E. came to be May 8, 1905. Her school work began at Pandora, Ohio, and resumed in Ft. Wayne, Ind., graduating from the South Side high school, June 15, 1923. She now does clerical work. In 1919 she became a member of the First Missionary Church here and was also baptized. She made recreational trips to Chicago, Ill., and Cleveland, Ohio.

### IX—Oliver C. Welty, Sixth Generation, Chemist, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Oliver C. was born Feb. 11, 1908. His school life began at Pandora, Ohio, and continued in Ft. Wayne, where he attended the South Side high school and the European School of Music. He is now assistant in the Chemical Laboratory in the South Side high school. For a while he

worked in the Ft. Wayne Tank and Pump Co., and three months in the Ft. Wayne Box Co. By baptism he was received into the First Missionary Church in 1923. He has visited the "Thumb" section of Mich.; Toronto, Canada, and Niagara Falls.

### X—Ivan A. Welty, Sixth Generation, Newsboy, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Ivan A. came as a Christmas gift to his parents, Dec. 25, 1910. Most of his schooling was obtained in the South Side high school, Ft. Wayne, Ind. He is a newsboy. By baptism he was received into his parents' church here in 1923.

### XI—Elaine F. Welty, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Elaine F. came into being Jan. 19, 1913. She is attending the Wayne graded school, and the European School of Music in Ft. Wayne. She was baptized and admitted into the First Missionary Church here in 1924. She made a trip to Chicago.

## CHAPTER IV.

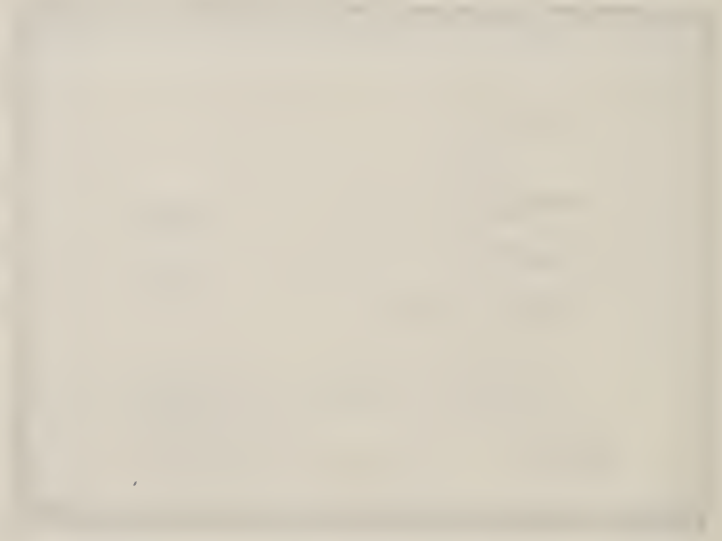
### Verena Welty, Baumgartner, Fourth Generation, 1824-1896.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baumgartner

Verena was born in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmenthal, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Apr. 25, 1824. She obtained a fair education, also in catechetical work, which later became a great asset to her Christian life. In 1846, in company with her brothers, John, Peter and Matthias, she came to America, landing in New York harbor after a voyage of 49 days. On this voyage a great storm was encountered that tore down masts and threatened submergement. Verena assisted in the dining room. One morning a huge wave suddenly careened the sailship sufficiently for the prepared breakfast to slide off from the table. Hurriedly the waiters picked up the food, replaced it, and called the people to the menu without telling them what had happened.

Verena's parents were loath to see her and the brothers (especially Matthias, who was only 18 years old), go to America. From New York



they came per boat up the Hudson River to Albany, and then per canal to Buffalo, N. Y., and on to Cleveland, and to Bluffton, Allen Co., Ohio. Verena soon found employment in housework and weaving as a means of maintenance. One day, late in 1848, while weaving at Rev. Christian Steiner's, Samuel Baumgartner, of Adams Co., Ind., arrived here. In course of his conversation with Rev. S. he stated his real mission. It was then the custom for young men among Mennonites to obtain advice from pastors relative to suitable life companions. Steiner informed him that there is now a young woman upstairs weaving, who is industrious and religious, and would make him a suitable wife. Having received permission to see her, he ascended the stairs, introduced himself, and commenced chatting. After a short visit together, he disclosed his heart's desire to her. This revelation to her found concurrence, and a verbal marriage contract was entered into. They were married Feb. 1, 1849, in her brother John's home, near Bluffton, Ohio, by Rev. Steiner. Then she went with him to Indiana, and for over 32 years lived together through joys and sorrows, when he was called hence Mar. 22, 1881. He was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Apr. 17, 1818. He came to America in 1837, settling first in Wayne Co., Ohio. But unable to buy land here, he, with his parents, moved to Wells Co., Ind., in 1839, one mile northwest of Vera Cruz. Soon thereafter he bought land in French Tp., Adams Co., two miles southeast of Vera Cruz. Here they pioneered and lived to the time of his demise. They had many hardships to endure. Crops often were meager, markets poor, political conditions adverse to prosperity. Civil War finally broke out and made financial conditions worse. Hard pioneer life impaired his health. Yet amidst it all, their trust was fixed in God who supplied grace to bear it all with true resignation in the enjoyment of ordinary comforts.

Not being satisfied with prevailing religious conditions in churches in the community they lived in, they visited services that were here conducted by missionaries of the Evangelical Association in 1854, who preached conscious salvation. Soon they experienced a satisfying religion, and united with the Evangelical Association at Vera Cruz, Ind., and remained devoted members of the church to their departure. This step first caused them severe persecution from some kin folks, but ere long ceased. He filled official positions in the church to his death. She was of a retiring disposition, but deeply spiritual and interested in the salvation of neighbors and her children. Often, when the weather was too bad to go to Sunday school, mother gathered her children around the family table, and would read and explain Bible stories to them. In 1885 she left the farm and moved to

Vera Cruz, Ind., where she lived until 1895, when her daughter Christina died. Then she made her home with her daughter Caroline in Nappanee, Elkhart Co., Ind. In the summer of 1896, she made her last visit to her relatives in Ohio, but soon felt impelled to return home. She took ill on this trip, and was forced to stop with daughter Mary in Huntington, Ind., where, after a brief illness, she departed Sept. 8, 1896. Both parents' bodies rest side by side in the cemetery near Vera Cruz, Ind., where three sons and three daughters are interred. To them were born on the homestead farm:

### A—David Ludwig Baumgartner, Fifth Generation.

David was born Aug. 13, 1850, and died Sept. 14, same year.

### B—Mary Ellen Baumgartner, Nille, Beck, Fifth Generation, 1852-1925.



Mrs. Mary Beck

Mary E. was born July 28, 1852. She had only common schooling. An opinion prevailed among Swiss folks that being able to read, write and figure a little was sufficient for girls to keep house. Mary being the oldest child was often needed to aid mother, hence often deprived of school privileges. Yet by persistency she learned to read well in German and English. She was very companionable. At maturity she often worked among neighbors, and in private homes in Ft. Wayne, Ind. When 14 years old she espoused Christianity, was baptized and joined the Evangelical Association at Vera Cruz, Ind. She married Albert Nille at her parental home, Oct. 26, 1872, Rev. J. K. Troyer officiating. He was born in Wooster, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1846, baptized June 28, same year. He was a carpenter. After marriage he farmed his father's farm near Vera Cruz. Due to impaired health he ceased farming in 1878, and entered grocery business in Vera Cruz. But soon he had to abandon it, and succumbed to his disease, May 8, 1879. He was saved under Rev. C. Glaus' preaching and joined his wife's church.

After his demise, Mary, for a living, began carpet weaving, continuing until Dec. 18, 1884, when she married Adam Beck of Huntington, Ind., Rev. C. C. Beyrer officiating. She now transferred her church membership to his church (Ev. Association) in Huntington. He was born in Herchweiler, Kussel, Germany, Apr. 16, 1831. He farmed and burned lime for years, then entered partnership with the Beck and Purviance Lime Co.,



and later with the Ohio and Western Lime Co. After some years, due to impaired health he retired from active partnership. He lived a faithful Christian life, filled many positions officially in the church. After a long siege of illness he departed this life May 28, 1910.

After this she became a member of the M. E. Church in Huntington, being close to her home. Later she sold her property here and moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., where she took care of her aged sister-in-law, and moved her membership here to the E. Berry St. M. E. Church. In the summer of 1923, with a crowd of tourists, she toured to Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., and Colorado Springs. At the latter place she ascended Pike's Peak to its summit, and here visited other places of interest. In April, 1925, she took ill, lingering on until Oct. 29, 1925, when she fell asleep in the full assurance of eternal life. There was born one child to each union, namely:

I—Emma Amelia Nille, Eberhart, Sixth Generation, Huntington, Ind.

Emma A. entered the arena of life, one mile south of Vera Cruz, Ind., on her grandfather Nille's farm, Mar. 19, 1876. From childhood she was possessed with a sunny disposition. Her school life started in Vera Cruz. After her mother's second marriage she attended school at Huntington and Ft. Wayne. Then she entered Huntington Business College, graduating in 1895. Here she was a bookkeeper in the Beck and Purviance Lime Co., three years, when the company dissolved. Next she was a bookkeeper in the Huntington Light and Fuel Co. five years, when she was made cashier, serving in this capacity efficiently 16 years, when she resigned in favor of a domestic life. She made pleasure tours to Niagara Falls; Chicago World's Fair; Buffalo, N. Y.; St. Louis, Mo.; National Park, Wyo.; and in 1926 an eastern tour to Washington, D. C.; Philadelphia; New York City; New Haven, Conn.; Boston, Mass.; and other interesting places. She espoused Christianity when 18 years old and joined the Evangelical Church in Huntington, in which she served as organist 11 years, and as recording steward three years. She received infant baptism. In 1911 she united with the M. E. Church in Huntington, and after marriage she united with the Presbyterian Church here. Dec. 16, 1919, at the home of her aunt Emma in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where her mother then lived, she became the wife of Geo. M. Eberhart, then judge of the Huntington Circuit Court. With this event Emma assumed the duty of mothering his children, two sweet little girls, Catharine Elizabeth, 4 years old, and Margaret Louise, 2 years old.

He was born on a farm near Bippus, Huntington Co., Ind., June 16,

1876. After completing high school he finished a course in Central Normal College in Indiana, then Indiana State Normal School, and Indiana Law School. He taught school from 1896-1901. He began law practice in 1903 in Huntington, was elected prosecuting attorney of the 56th Judicial Circuit Court, serving two terms, 1907-1911. In 1918 he was elected Judge of this court, and resigned in 1922, at which time he entered partnership with Barrett in Ft. Wayne, as Barrett, Eberhart and Barrett firm. In 1923 he severed his relation with this firm, and again took up the practice of law in Huntington. Federal positions were offered him several times but he declined them. They reside in Huntington, where he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, since June 16, 1907. He was elected deacon of the church in 1908, serving in this capacity until 1919, when he became a member of the Session. May, 1920, he was sent as delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which convened in Philadelphia, Pa.

### II—Herman Samuel Beck, Sixth Generation, Greencastle, Ind., Mechanic and Auto Agent.

Herman S. began his earthly life on his father's farm, one mile east of Huntington, Sept. 20, 1885. In his youth he went to S. S. in the Evangelical Church in Huntington. Here he obtained his education, two years in high school, and one year in the Huntington Business College. Preferring outdoor manual work, he was employed in the Ohio and Western Lime Co. His parents, however, planned a business career for him, and later started him in as clerk in a Gents' Clothing Store. This was averse to his nature, and he soon discontinued, and became an apprentice in 1905. in the Erie R. R. Machine Shop here. Ambitious to become a master mechanic he worked and studied in a number of other citits as a machinist and in 1909 he went to Ada, Oklahoma, where he soon rose to foreman in the machine department of the Oklahoma Portland Cement Co., owned by his half-brother, Adam Beck. Later when this plant was sold and another plant was established in Limedale, near Greencastle, Ind., called Indiana Portland Cement Co., he became foreman of construction and operation work, and a partner of the firm in 1918, when he was made assistant superintendent for three years, then superintendent of the plant operation and construction work. In 1925 this plant was sold, and Herman took over the Chevrolet auto agency at Greencastle, Ind. Thus his life has been punctuated with progress. He first met his wife, Eloise Armour, daughter of Noah and Katie Armour of Fredrickstown, Mo., at Ada, Okla., to whom he was married June 22, 1911. She was born in Bertrand, Mo., Aug. 21, 1887. She was reared religiously in the M. E. Church, joining it

in her native town in 1899. On moving to Greencastle, Ind., her membership was transferred here to the M. E. Church, where she and the children attend Sunday school and church services. To them were born:

1—Herman Adam, Sept. 22. 1915, Ada, Oklahoma, Seventh Generation. He now is in school.

2—Philip Armour, Jan. 5, 1919, Greencastle, Ind., Seventh Generation. He is in school.

**C—Caroline Baumgartner, Mosiman, Fifth Generation, South Bend, Ind.**



Mrs. Caroline Mosiman

Caroline began life's mission Sept. 27, 1854. She only went to district school. Often she longed to go to Napervilie, Ill., N. W. College, for a better education to fill her mission more successfully. But in vain. She espoused Christianity at ten years old and joined the Ev. Association at Vera Cruz, Ind., where she was baptized. She loved the Bible and religious books. Being gifted in singing she became a leader in song and chorus work. She is amiable and generous. She has been a S. S. teacher during most of her Christian life to date. She was married at her parents' home to Samuel Mosiman, May 13, 1877, Rev. E. R. Troyer officiating. In 1925 they toured per auto, in company with Dr. Hovis, to Niagara Falls, and into Canada, and in 1926 with their son Lloyd to Washington, D. C.; Mt. Vernon, Philadelphia, Ocean Grove, New York City, and other eastern places of interest.

He was born in Vera Cruz, Ind., Feb. 3, 1856. Here he obtained his education, and entered the hardware business, continuing until 1890, when he sold out, and with his family, moved to Nappanee, Elkhart Co., Ind., Sept. 25, 1890, where he again became a partner in a hardware store. In 1899 he sold his interest here, but remained as tinner until 1902. In 1903 they sold their property here, and in November moved to South Bend, Ind., where they later bought a home. In 1904 he resumed his trade as tinner at C. G. Folsom Mfg. Co., and later at the Maas Stove and Tin Firm, where he has continued to date.

While resident in Nappanee he served as town clerk for two and one-half years, and as councilman one term. Due to his firm stand against saloons he was defeated for a second term by one vote. After locating in Nappanee a society of the Evangelical Church was organized here and both became charter members thereof. He served the society seven years as

S. S. superintendent, 11 years as class leader, 12 years as trustee and she as S. S. teacher, up to the time of leaving. In South Bend, as a family, they joined the Mizpah Evangelical Church, where he served three years as S. S. treasurer. Having moved into the north part of the city, the whole family joined the St. Paul M. E. Church, where they have been active members since. To them were born:

### I—Surelda Elmira Mosiman, Sixth Generation, Bookkeeper, South Bend, Indiana.

Surelda E. entered the path of life in Vera Cruz, Ind., Feb. 12, 1878. Here she started to public school and ended in Nappanee, Ind. Then for nine years she clerked in the Hartman Bros. Drygoods and Grocery Store, being the greater part of this time headlady. She resigned this position in 1903, when she moved to South Bend. Here she became an office worker in the Happ and Mark Firm, then in the McLain and Baird Firm, where the position of forelady was tendered her, but she declined this mark of appreciation, not wishing to assume the responsibility. In 1914 she became bookkeeper in the Indiana and Michigan Electric Co., where she has since continued with an excellent record.

In Nappanee she espoused Christianity when 13 years old and joined the Evangelical Association. She was active in S. S. and Y. P. Alliance and in church choir. In South Bend she always was in active church work serving three years as a steward in the Mizpah Ev. Church, and has filled various positions of trust in the St. Paul M. E. Church. Four years she was president of the Business Woman's Bible Class of the South Bend Y. W. C. A. Some of her summer vacations were spent in traveling in eastern and central U. S. and to Minnesota and Wisconsin, Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo.; in 1926 to Washington, D. C.; Philadelphia, New York City, and other places of interest. She is possessed with a noble Christian character.

### II—William Henry Mosiman, Sixth Generation.

Wm. H. was born in Vera Cruz, Ind., Dec. 24, 1879, and departed this life Nov. 4, 1890. He was an affectionate lad with a strong religious disposition.

### III—Lillian Alvina Mosiman, Krause, Sixth Generation, Indianapolis, Ind.

Lillian A. found welcome to this life in Vera Cruz, Ind., Apr. 21, 1882. She obtained her school training here and at Nappanee. In Nappanee, Saturdays, she often assisted the clerks in the Hartman Bros. Store. She became a Christian in Nappanee when 10 years old and joined the Evan-

gelical Association. She served her church to date, 22 years as S. S. teacher, four years as Y. P. A. president, 10 years as Junior S. S. Supt. She was secretary of the Ladies' Aid and W. M. Society, also president of the latter, and of the Indianapolis Graded Union of S. S. Teachers. During the World War she was active in the Red Cross Chapter of Indianapolis; and in the Public Health Nurse Association; in the Wheeler City Mission and Orphan Home; and for some years, a member of the Indiana Conference Woman's Donation Day Committee for the Evangelical Deaconess Home, Chicago, Ill. She also took a course of Special Bible Work in Hulbert Teacher Training in Indianapolis. In 1902, when a delegate from the Nappanee Y. P. A. to the Indiana Conference Branch Y. P. A. Convention, at Oakwood Park, Syracuse, Ind., she first met Harry W. Kranse of Indianapolis, both serving on the same committee. Their acquaintance culminated into matrimony June 15, 1904, her uncle S. H. B. officiating. He was born in Indianapolis, Ind., June 30, 1875, where he also obtained his education. When nine years old he was converted to God and joined the First Evangelical Church. His aggressiveness induced this church to elect him 10 successive years, 1908-18, as its S. S. Supt. For 20 years he was a member of the Church Finance Board; six years a trustee and secretary of the church; was treasurer of the S. S. and Y. P. A. two years; missionary secretary of the Indiana Conference Branch Y. P. A.; two years president of the Men's Bible Class, and of the Marion Co. S. S. Association. He is now S. S. teacher; member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Indianapolis Y. M. C. A.; was vice-president of the Wheeler City Mission six years, and 1924-25 its president and a member of its Personal Worker Committee. He was president of the Merchants' Association of Indianapolis, and belongs to the Athletic, Adscript and Commercial Clubs. Having no children they have consecrated their time, means and talents to a variety of Christian work. Together they have traveled the Great Lakes, parts of Canada, eastern U. S., Florida and many minor trips to scenic points of Indiana. He is a merchant of men's hats and furnishings.

### IV—Edna May Mosiman, Lucado, Sixth Generation, South Bend, Ind.

Edna M. started life's journey in Vera Cruz, Ind., Sept. 25, 1884. She attended school at Nappanee, Ind., graduating with honors from the Nappanee high school, May, 1903. Then she completed a business course in the Commercial College in South Bend, Ind. After this she was for three years stenographer in the Shidler Bros. Hardware Co., South Bend. On Sept. 19, 1906, she became stenographer, and later bookkeeper and

office manager in the Geo. Cutter Co., remaining seven years. Her fine business ability and alertness secured her the last position. In 1913 she resigned to the great regret of the company, and entered matrimony with Edwin A. Lucado, of South Bend, Nov. 11, 1913, her brother-in-law, Rev. Wm. F. Hovis, officiating. Edwin was born in South Bend, Ind., May 27, 1884. Here he received a good education. For about 12 years he was in the employment of the Studebaker Brothers' Vehicle Mfg. Co., of South Bend. Then he transferred to the sales department of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works Co., where he has since been employed. They own a fine home here.

Edna became a Christian when 14 years old and joined the Evangelical Association in Nappanee, where she became an active member in the S. S. and Y. P. Alliance. When she moved to South Bend with her parents her church membership was transferred to the Mizpah Evangelical Church, where she served two years as secretary of the S. S. and two years as Y. P. A. President. In 1908 she united with the St. Paul M. E. Church, where she has since been active in the church. He also is a member of this church, and has been S. S. Supt. He is a member of the Men's Chorus of the church. To them were born in South Bend., Ind.:

1—Edwin Alexander, Jr., Seventh Generation, Apr. 7, 1915. He is making fine progress in school and in instrumental music.

2—James Sherwood, Seventh Generation, June 17, 1918. He is in school progressing finely.

3—Barbara Jane, Seventh Generation, June 6, 1924.

### V—Ina Orilla Mosiman (Rev. Mrs. W. F. Hovis), Sixth Generation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Ina O. was born in Vera Cruz, Indiana, October 5, 1887. She attended public school in Nappanee through the second year high school. The family then moved to South Bend and she resumed her school work in the South Bend high school. Her further education was secured at the University of Chicago where she specialized in Bible Study and French.

She accepted Christ as her Savior in her eleventh year and became a member of the Evangelical Association in Nappanee in 1898. Here she served as organist and was an active worker in the Sunday School and Young People's Alliance, holding offices in both organizations. In 1903 she became a member of the Mizpah Evangelical Church of South Bend. In 1908 she became a member of St. Pauls Methodist Episcopal Church of South Bend.

On Jan. 9, 1912, she was married to Wm. Forney Hovis, pastor of St. Paul's Church. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Wm. F. McDowell in the presence of about 1000 guests. Dr. Hovis was born at Wesley, Pa., May 18, 1872. He was educated at Barkeyville Academy, Barkeyville, Pa.; Grove City College, Grove City, Pa.; Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.; and Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He received the degrees of A. B. and M. A. from Allegheny College in 1895 and 1898, and his D. D. from the same institution in 1907. He graduated from the Divinity School of Northwestern University in 1898, receiving the degree S. T. B. (Bachelor of Sacred Theology). During his Senior year in college he edited the college paper, "The Campus", was poet of his class and a member of the Phi Delta Theta Greek letter fraternity. In the Theological School he was president of the Senior Class and one of the seven honor men chosen by the faculty to represent the class on commencement day. He is the author of "Quality Folks", "My Words" and "Heart Sonnets". He has made two trips to Europe and one to Palestine and Egypt. He has been twice delegate to the General Conference and was a delegate to the Fourth Ecumenical Conference which met in Toronto, in 1911. He has served in the following leading churches of the Methodist Episcopal Church—St. Paul's, South Bend, Ind.; Endion Church, Duluth, Minn.; Grand Avenue Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; Grand Avenue Temple, Kansas City, Mo.; Maple Avenue Church, St. Louis, Mo.; and now Wesley Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Their wedding trip covered Palestine, Egypt, and Europe. They sailed Feb. 8, 1912, on the Steamship Arabic and toured in the course of their journey Funchal on the Madeira Islands, Cadiz and Seville in Spain, Gibraltar, Algiers, Island of Malta, Athens, Constantinople, Smyrna, Ephesus, and Palestine, including Damascus, Sea of Galilee, Tiberias, Nazareth, Shechem, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Joppa, and in Egypt, Alexandria, Cairo and Luxor, where they visited the tombs of the kings in the region of King Tut, whose tomb was discovered in 1923. From Egypt they crossed the Mediterranean to Naples and in Europe visited Pompeii, Rome, Venice, Milan, Italy; and thence to Lucerne and Bern in Switzerland, and then on to Paris, London, Liverpool and home on the "Celtic", which followed just twenty-four hours behind the ill-fated Titanic.

They have two sons:

1—William Forney, II, born, Duluth Minn., Dec. 5, 1914, Seventh Generation.

2—Keith Wendell, born, Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 25, 1917, Seventh Generation.

VI—Lloyd Baumgartner Mosiman, Sixth Generation, Mfr. of Furniture, Indianapolis, Ind.



Lloyd B. Mosiman, Mfr.

Lloyd B. appeared in Nappanee, Ind., Apr. 22, 1893. Here and at South Bend, Ind., he attended school, graduating from the South Bend high school in 1913. Then he entered Purdue University, where he graduated in 1917 in Mechanical Engineering. Here he also took training in infantry and field artillery. He was a member of the basket-ball team and won the Frank Stover medal. In his teen age he worked during vacations in a grocery store, and one year, on a milk route in South Bend, to accumulate means to help him through school. In the university he was table waiter at an eating club as a source of income. One year he was manager of the yearly publication the university put out. After leaving the university he became assistant to mechanical engineering at Eli Lilly's factory, Indianapolis, Ind., and May, 1917, at the Kramer Mfg. Co. In the World War, being called to military service, he took training at Camp Sheridan, Ala., July 6, 1918, for two months, then at Camp Gordon, Ga. Here he received his discharge Nov. 29, 1918. During his university years he was a member of the Scabbard Blade Club. Coming back from military duties he assumed his work with the Kramer Mfg. Co., and by industry and efficiency rose to an associate member of the firm. He is now, 1925, secretary and manager of the firm. He married Esther Kramer, member of the First Evangelical Church, June 2, 1917, uncle S. H. B. officiating. Esther was born in Indianapolis July 28, 1894, where she graduated from No. 8 public school, and from the Manual Training high school in 1912. Then she attended one year the Art School of N. W. College, Naperville, Ill. He became a Christian in 1904, and joined the Mizpah Evangelical Church in South Bend. Later he joined the St. Paul M. E. Church. She was converted and joined the First Evangelical Church in Indianapolis, Dec. 8, 1907, under S. H. B.'s pastorate. After marriage he joined her church, and served here as S. S. and Y. P. A. treasurer and one year as secretary of the Finance Board. She has been Y. P. A. president and S. S. teacher, and filled other positions of trust. To them were born in Indianapolis, Ind.:

1—Charles Edward, Feb. 17, 1919, Seventh Generation.

2—Helen Carolyn, born Jan. 17, 1922, Seventh Generation, and passed beyond Mar. 3, 1924.

3—Mildred Ann, Dec. 15, 1925, Seventh Generation.

**VII—Kenton McKinley Mosiman, Sixth Generation, Associated Letter Service, Indianapolis, Ind.**



KENTON M. MOSIMAN

Kenton M. began the trials of life in Nappance, Ind., July 18, 1896. Here he started to school. He graduated in the South Bend graded and high school. In 1917 he entered the Illinois University in Champaign, Ill., continuing here until the fall of 1918, when he entered military service in the World War, in the Aviation Department at Indianapolis, Ind. He was assigned to 607 Aviation Squadron. Shortly before the Armistice was signed he was transferred to the Ft. Wayne Training Camp, Detroit, Mich., for final training. Here he received his discharge Dec., 1918. Since the war he was always affiliated with some line of advertising agency, first in Indianapolis. When 23 years old, he was assistant advertising Mgr. of the Detroit News for two years. 1921-22 he was vice-president of the Fred Miller Advertising Agency in Indianapolis. Here Dec., 1922, he became president and manager of the Thompson Circular Advertising Co., which then was the largest circular letter firm in Indiana. Since 1923 he is manager of the Associated Letter Service in Indianapolis. His alertness in business brings him success. At the age of ten years he accepted Christianity and united with the Mizpah Evangelical Church in South Bend, Ind. In 1908 he became a member, by transfer, of the St. Paul M. E. Church. In 1917, he became a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He married Mary McMurphy of Sarina, Ontario, Canada, June 24, 1922, Rev. Patterson officiating. She was born in Wyoming, Ont., Canada, Aug. 14, 1896. Here she obtained her education in part, and high school training at Petiolia, Ont. Then she studied millinery and became a millinery buyer and designer, in Detroit, Mich., and in New York City. In 1906 she became a member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In Sept., 1922, they both united with the Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, Ind., and are taking active interest in the problems of the church. To their home came:

1—Betty Jane, Seventh Generation, born Oct. 21, 1923.

D—Abraham Wm. Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1858-1893.



Abraham W. Baumgartner

Abraham Wm. was born Jan. 26, 1858. Abundance of farm work often kept him out of school in his teen age. At seventeen he applied himself entirely to farm work. At 20 years he engaged in hewing building timber. Being robust he little suspected that his strength and endurance might be prematurely exhausted. When 21 years old typhoid fever left him with impaired health to his death. In view of making a livelihood easier he undertook taking a course in the Business College at Naperville, Ill., but the task was too strenuous for his depleted strength. He returned to farming again, hoping to regain his health, only to fail; then he changed climate by going to Holdredge, Nebr., and later to Kansas, engaging in carpenter work. After two years he returned with some improvement of health. Then he married Mary Hocker, of Vera Cruz, Ind., Jan. 13, 1891, and resumed farming of the home place. Financially they prospered, but his old ailment culminated in chronic catarrhal trouble which finally terminated in convulsions and death, Aug. 8, 1893. He espoused Christianity when 22 years old and remained a faithful supporter of the church until his demise. He joined the Evangelical Association at Vera Cruz in 1881 and was baptized soon after. His peaceful life won him many friends.

His wife was born in Massillon, Stark Co., Ohio, May 5, 1862. She was converted and joined the Evangelical Association, Jan., 1880, at Vera Cruz. She obtained a good education. She taught district schools nine years prior to marriage. After her husband's death, she again took up teaching, Sept., 1894, in Berne, Ind., Primary Department, Room 1, continuing nearly 27 consecutive years, with exceptional success. After three months' illness she passed away in the Bluffton Hospital, July 13, 1921. On moving to Berne she became a member of the Evangelical Church, serving three years as W. M. S. president and 20 years as S. S. teacher. She was a woman of pronounced religious and social convictions and firm against all immoral things. She was highly esteemed as a citizen, and it was generally conceded that she influenced more lives for good as teacher and Christian, than any other person in Berne, excepting Rev. S. F. Sprunger, who was a resident minister here for life. To this union were born:



### I—Herman Franklin Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Mechanic, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Herman F. began life Jan. 15, 1892, on the farm of his father's birth. Being bereft of his father, when only 1½ years old, he never enjoyed a father's love, counsel and companionship. He grew to manhood in Berne, Ind., and graduated from the Berne high school in 1912, where when 13 years old, he joined the Evangelical Association. In 1908 he joined the Berne Orchestra, playing the violincello.

In 1912-15 he drove a delivery truck in Lima, Ohio, for G. E. Bluem Dry Goods Store. Then he worked two years in the Lima Locomotive Works and in a garage. In 1915 he painted for a Berne painter. In 1916 he delivered county directories for The Farm Journal Co., covering parts of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. In 1917 he worked for the American Express Co., at Anderson, Ind., having an express run between Cleveland and St. Louis, on the C. C. C. & St. L. R. R. Dec. 15, 1917, he volunteered for military service in the World War. He was trained in camps Ft. Thomas, Ky.; and Ft. Meyer, Va., in Co. E., 30th Eng. He was appointed wagoner, Apr. 21, 1918, and sailed from Hoboken, N. J., June 29th, on the ship "President Grant", landing at Brest, France, July 9th, from there to Napoleon Barracks, staying three days, then to Chaumont, Gen. Pershing's headquarters, thence to La Villa Aux Bois, thence to regimental headquarters for detached service in motor transportation, where the regiment was changed to the First Gas Regiment. July 27th, he went to the front as 2d driver, and was on the different sectors until Nov. 11, 1918, when the Armistice was signed. He saw the real cruelties of war. He served in the Chateau Thierry sector. Here he was made first driver. Then in St. Mihiel sector, Sept. 12, and on to Verdun, and the Argonne Sectors from Sept. 23 to Oct. 18, and from last date to Nov. 11, respectively. Being on these sectors three months he heard the booming of cannons, singing of shrapnel shells, whistling of flying bullets, was amidst dropping of bombs, gas explosions, rattling of trucks, saw blood flowing from human beings and animals, villages and towns razed, and farms ruined. Suddenly on Nov. 11, at 11 a. m. all was quiet; no wonder, he wrote "It took me a week before I could realize that the war was over. I am glad it is over, and that the U. S. was not to give up any more boys." His full register name was Wagoner Herman F. Baumgartner, Co. E., 1st Gas Reg., Motor Transportation, A. E. F., France. Amidst it all he escaped unharmed. Once he was slightly gassed. While in a shell hole, with other boys, they heard a singing shell coming their way. They jumped out and ran just in

time to save their lives, for the shell dropped and exploded at the very spot they were.

Sept. 5, 1918, he wrote to his mother: "I have been very busy on the road three days and two nights with a couple of hours sleep. I had no time to write lately, and have not received any mail from home for two months. . . . I have gone through one big drive, and am still O. K., and may go through many more before the war is over. I may get home next June. I get enough to eat, have a good place to sleep. I am well." To his uncle S. H. B. he wrote: "Old Bill Kaiser sends us greetings per shrapnels when we get close to his lines. I have no bomb-proof job. I am not looking for one. The outfit I take my hat off to, is the Doughboy, Infantry. They take the brunt of the fighting. When they get started they can hardly stop." He landed in New York City, Feb. 2, 1919. He was discharged at Camp Taylor, Ky., Feb. 24, 1919.

After arriving home he began working for S. F. Bowser Mfg. Co., Ft. Wayne, Indiana. In 1925 he worked in Decatur, Indiana. He is a member of the First Evangelical Church, Ft. Wayne, and of the S. S. Orchestra. He married Ethel Fuhrman of Decatur, Ind., May 10, 1924. She was born Dec. 12, 1893, baptized March, 1894, converted and joined the Evangelical Church in Decatur on Easter Sunday, 1909. Here she served as S. S. Sec'y, Y. P. A. Pres., Sec'y-Treasurer of the Y. P. A. Superannuation Fund, Miss. Circle Pres. E. L. C. E. Treas., steward and S. S. teacher.

They made a "honeymoon" trip per automobile to Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, where they abode until Sept. 29, 1924. They camped along the way. They toured across Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska. Passed through six capitals: Indianapolis, Ind.; Jefferson City, Mo.; Topeka, Kans.; Denver, Colo.; Cheyenne, Wyo., and Lincoln, Nebr. Going they traveled 2408 miles in 15 days actual time, stopping three days for sight-seeing. Coming back they traveled 2058 miles, in 16 days. Other cities they touched were: St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.; Lyons, Ft. Riley, and Dodge City, Kans.; Pueblo, Colorado Springs, South Cheyenne Canyon, North Cheyenne Canyon (10,000 feet elevation), Colo.; Casper, Buffalo, Sheridan, Wyo.; Custer Battlefield, Billings, Livingston and Gardiner, Mont., where they entered the north entrance to Yellowstone Park to Mammoth Camp, where they stayed three months. Then they went on the Park Loop Trip, a tour of four days, visiting Norris Geyser, Upper Geyser, Midway Geyser Basins, Old Faithful Camp in Lower Geyser Basin.

Lake and Canyon Camps, over Mt. Washburn, 10,388 feet high, Camp Roosevelt, and back to Mammoth Camp, then home over the same route to Cheyenne, Wyo., where they turned to Nebraska, hitting the Lincoln Highway to Gothenburg, Nebr., St. Joseph and St. Louis, Mo., arriving at Decatur, Ind., Oct. 14, 1924, without auto trouble. To them was born in Decatur, Ind.:

1—Miriam Ruth Baumgartner, May 5, 1925. Seventh Generation.

### II—Leslie Abraham Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Hoover Co., Supervisor, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Leslie A. began his career in life in Vera Cruz, Ind., Sept. 26, 1893, 1½ months after his father's demise. Like his brother he never had the enjoyment of a father's love, counsel and companionship. In Berne, Ind., he grew to manhood, where he graduated from high school in 1913, and went to S. S. and united with the Evangelical Church in 1904. He had faithful Christian training as his brother did from their mother. In 1908 he joined the Berne Orchestra, playing the violin. After graduation he took a position with the Adams Express Co., at Richmond, Ind., remaining with it six months. Then he entered the International Business College, Ft. Wayne, Ind., completing a bookkeeper's course, thereafter became bookkeeper at the Kelly Construction Co., in Bryan, Ohio, remaining here two years. Then one year with the Mutual Mass. Stove Co., then two years at the S. F. Bowser Mfg. Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind. Then with Ault Coal Co., of this city, remaining until he volunteered for military service in the World War. He was sent to Ft. Thomas, Ky., but due to physical conditions he was not accepted. He then returned to Ft. Wayne and resumed his work at the Ault Coal Co. Soon after this, Dec. 2, 1917, he married Hazel Schnitz of Decatur, Ind., Rev. W. S. Mills officiating. He now again did stenographic work for the Bowser Mfg. Co., remaining two years, when he bought an interest in the Art Watch Co., Ft. Wayne, staying with it until spring of 1922, when his impaired health, under the doctor's advice, necessitated outdoor work. He then accepted, in the fall, the position of service man, for the Hoover Co., Ft. Wayne, selling and repairing vacuum sweepers. He is now (1926) city service supervisor of this Co., and makes a comfortable living. They have their own home in Ft. Wayne, and are here members of the First Evangelical Church and S. S. He is now a steward. To them were born in Ft. Wayne, Ind.:

### Seventh Generation

1—Virginia Marie, Oct. 9, 1918. 2—Betty Jane, June 12, 1923.
3—Leslie Arthur, Sept. 15, 1924.

### E—Frederick Baumgartner, Fifth Generation.

Frederick L. was born Feb. 1, 1859, and departed this life Sept. 30,1859.

### F—Rev. Samuel Henry Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, Indianapolis, Ind.

Samuel H. was born in French Tp., Adams Co., Ind., Mar. 2, 1860. He attended rural school at the township election schoolhouse, where all Tp. elections were held. Only spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic were here taught up to his 14th year. In Oct., 1878, he attended two years the graded school in Linn Grove, Ind. Each Aug. of 1880-82 he went to the Adams Co. Normal School at Decatur, Ind. At the close of each normal period he took a teacher's examination and secured a six, twelve and 18 months' teacher's license respectively, and taught Dist. No. 7 in his native Tp., three consecutive school years. Jan. 31, 1881, he was converted to God, and in Feb. joined the Ev. Association at Vera Cruz, and later in this year was baptized by pouring while kneeling in the Wabash River, at Linn Grove, Ind. Mar. 22, 1881, his father died, leaving a vacancy as class leader, which position he held for over 20 years. Samuel was elected to succeed him. With trembling and misgivings he took up the cross, holding this office for 2½ years until he entered N. W. College at Naperville, Ill., Sept., 1883. He remained in this college four years, graduating June, 1887, with an L. E. L. title. While in college he became more and more conscious of God's call to the ministry. After a severe struggle he yielded to an earnest appeal for workers in God's vineyard at a N. W. College Y. M. C. A., Sunday evening meeting. Upon entering the active ministry in June, 1887, he pursued, with his ministerial duties, a four-year Theological Course prescribed by the church. These were strenuous years.

June 22, 1886, he married Kezzie Kieper, daughter of Rev. J. Kieper, in N. W. College Chapel with thirty guests present, Pres. H. H. Rassweiler officiating. She was born in Muscatine, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1860. With her parents she lived in Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois. In 1873 they moved to Naperville, Ill., where she finished public school, and in June, 1882, graduated from N. W. C. in the English Scientific Course with an L. E. L. title. She espoused Christianity in 1870, when she was baptized and received into the Evangelical Association. In 1884-85 she specialized in

oilpainting and crayon work in the Art Dept. of N. W. C. For years she was an alto member of the Musical Union of the College congregation and a teacher of its S. S. While living on Bunker Hill circuit she was active in W. C. T. U. work, also in S. S. work for 40 years. She was always active in W. M. S. work and served two years as corresponding secretary of the Ind. Conference Branch W. M. S.; two years as V.-Pres.; five years as Pres.; twice she was delegate to the Gen. W. M. S. Conventions, held at Dayton and Tiffin, Ohio, and was interested in other church activities.

Samuel uninterruptedly will have served 40 years in the ministry up to May, 1927, as follows: 12 years as pastor, eight years as presiding elder, two years again as pastor, again 14 years as presiding elder, one year exclusively as solicitor for the Haven Hubbard Memorial Old People's Home, New Carlisle, Ind., and three years as pastor and solicitor conjointly. Officially he served the Ind. Conf. as assistant Sec'y, two years; as Sec'y, eight years; editor of Conf. Journal, four years; Conf. Missionary Society Pres., eight years; delegated to Gen. Board of Missions, five times; Conf. trustee, nine years; trustee of N. W. C. and U. B. I., three years; on Conference Extension Committee, 16 years; delegate to Gen. Conference, eight terms; Conf. historian, 16 years; furnished manuscripts for Conf. History, Vol. I and II, a director of the Ev. Deaconess Hospital, Chicago, Ill., seven years; commissioner on Church Union, seven years; solicitor four times for N. W. C. Endowment Fund, Superannuation Fund, Forward Movement Fund and H. H. M. O. P. H. and minor offices.

As Gen. Conference delegate he was at Elgin, Ill.; St. Paul, Minn.; Berlin, now Kitchener, Canada; Milwaukee, Wis.; Cleveland, Ohio; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Detroit, Mich. He had stop-off privileges to California and back, and visited at Grand Canyon, Ariz.; San Diego, Calif.; Tiajuana, Lower Calif., Mexico; Big Tree, San Francisco, Berkley and Oakland, Calif.; Salt Lake City, Royal Gorge, Colorado Springs, Colo., where he visited the main places of interest. He was to the summit on Mt. Lowe, Calif. Other travels were to Niagara Falls in 1884, Washington, D. C., N. Y. City, New Haven, Conn., in 1916, campmeeting near Bedford, Pa., over the Allegheny Mts. in 1921. Traveled through 26 states from ocean to ocean, and from Tenn., to Canada. Was in one R. R. wreck, Feb. 12, 1912, without being hurt.

## I—Prof. Hope Leroy Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, New Haven, Conn., Yale University.



Prof. Hope L. Baumgartner

Hope L. was born in Rochester, Ind., Aug. 6, 1891, and baptized Mar. 17, 1892. When eight years of age he united with the Evangelical Association at Elkhart, Ind. His public school training began in Fort Wayne, Ind., and was continued at Wabash, Elkhart and Indianapolis, Ind. At a very early age he manifested an inherent passion for music by making toy organs out of toy building blocks, as well as by singing and attempting to make notes on paper. At the age of five he began to play by ear and improvise at the reed organ. One little tune composed about the age of seven, and written out by his father, was sung at a Children's Day service with the young composer playing the accompaniment. Lessons on the reed organ were begun at Elkhart at the age of nine. These were followed about a year later by lessons on the piano. From 1907 to 1913 he studied piano and theory in the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music, and during a part of this time studied pipe organ privately with Charles F. Hansen, and gave piano lessons in the aforesaid conservatory. In 1913 he entered the Music School of Yale University, where he studied organ with Harry B. Jepson, counterpoint with David Stanley Smith, instrumentation with William E. Haesche, and composition and history of music with Horatio Parker. He graduated in 1916. During his course in Yale he won a $50 prize in organ playing, and a $100 prize in composition, the prize composition being the first movement of a symphony for orchestra.

While at Indianapolis he served as organist in the First Evangelical and Central Christian Churches; at New Haven he was organist for a short time in the college chapel, and later in the First Methodist Church. In 1916 he took the position of organist and choirmaster in the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, Ga., where he remained until the time of the World War.

While awaiting his summons to military duty, he began to study the clarinet. On entering the service, April 3, 1918, he was sent to Fort Williams, Me., where he was assigned to duty with the band. Going overseas with the 72d Regiment, C. A. C., he served as a 2d clarinet player



in the band and as pianist in the orchestra. As the 72d Regiment did not get into action, though in France for over five months before the signing of the Armistice, he received no scars of war other than a singed legging, caused by the accidental discharge of another man's rifle on board ship.

Returning to the United States in April, 1919, he taught piano one summer at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. Meanwhile he received a call to return in September to Yale University Music School as assistant to Profs. Jepson and Smith. After one year in this work, he was appointed full-time instructor in the theory of music, and two years later being advanced to an assistant professorship in this department. In addition to the theoretical subjects usually taught, he is giving a special course in church music for organists and choir singers.

While teaching in Yale, he served nine months as organist and director in the Central Presbyterian Church of Summit, N. J., later going to the First Baptist Church of New Haven, and after that to the United Congregational Church of this city, where he is now (1926) serving. During this time he has also designed a number of organs for churches in various cities. His published compositions include the following: a song, "Be Strong" (Presser); three organ pieces, "Allegro Marcato in D," "Berceuse in E," and "Easter Morning" (White-Smith); two organ pieces, "Solemn Procession," and "Idyll" (Gray); two pieces for violin and piano, "Romance" and "Ballade" (Carl Fischer); and an anthem, "In Him We Live" (Ditson). The last was awarded the prize offered by the American Guild of Organists in 1924 for the best anthem submitted in a national competition. Compositions in manuscript include a sonata for violin and piano, a sacred cantata, a suite for clarinet and harp, various songs, organ pieces, piano pieces, etc.

On Aug. 2, 1921, he was united in marriage with Lila Ruth Braddock, of Indianapolis, the ceremony taking place in the Tuxedo Baptist Church, the groom's father officiating, assisted by her pastor. Lila B. was born Mar. 12, 1890, Indianapolis, Ind. Her father is a descendant of Henry Braddock, born Nov. 25, 1777, in Essex, Conn. Her mother, Mary Sales B., is a descendant of Roger Williams of Rhode Island, founder of the Baptist Church in America. On their wedding trip east, they visited Niagara Falls, and New York City. Lila was a successful teacher in the public schools of her native city, where she taught for 14 consecutive years. In this city she received most of her educational training, graduating from Shortridge high school and from the Indianapolis Normal School for

Teachers. She also took some work here in Butler College, and wishing to specialize as an Art teacher, she studied one term here in the J. W. Herron Institute, and spent several summers studying in Chicago University. She united with the Garden Baptist Church in Indianapolis when 12 years old, later Tuxedo Baptist Church, and after marriage the First Baptist Church in New Haven, Conn.

Lila passed to her heavenly home Nov. 13, 1926, in New Haven, Conn., where her husband is a music teacher in the Yale University Music School. Her body rests in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind.

**G—Christina Baumgartner, Vance, Fifth Generation, 1861-1895.**

Christina was born Aug. 5, 1861. Her education was limited to district school. But she made good use of her natural talents. She was converted to God, baptized and joined the Evangelical Association when ten years old. She always was much interested in church affairs. She possessed strong winning qualities, was cheerful, industrious, and lived a consistent Christian life. She took a prominent part in S. S. work and local W. M. S. affairs. As a personal worker for Christ she led souls to Him. For many years she followed gents tailoring, first in Elkhart; then in Bluffton, Ind. She was a liberal supporter of God's kingdom. She was married to Dr. U. S. Vance, then of Vera Cruz, Ind., Dec., 1894, Rev. N. J. Platz officiating. Early in the spring she contracted a serious cold and other complicated ailments, to which, after intense suffering, she succumbed Aug. 14, 1895, in Vera Cruz, Ind.

**H—Sarah Ann Baumgartner, Fifth Generation.**

Sarah A. was born Oct. 6, 1865, and died of diphtheria Oct. 14, 1878. She had a rather feeble constitution, but was a bright intellectual girl with a strong religious nature. She was converted to God, baptized and joined the Evangelical Association when 11 years old. She departed in the full assurance of eternal life.

**I—Lucinda Baumgartner, Fifth Generation.**

Lucinda was born Dec. 24, 1867, and died of diphtheria Aug. 28, 1878. She was a robust girl full of activity, but suddenly she was snatched as a flower for realms above with this testimony to comfort the bereft: "We will meet again in Heaven."

## CHAPTER V.

### Matthias Walty, Fourth Generation, 1826-1890.



Matthias Walty

Matthias was born in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmenthal, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Mar. 3, 1826. He obtained a fair education. In 1846, with his brothers John and Peter and sister Verena, he came to America. His parents, fearing for his welfare, gave Verena special charge over him. He was yet young and gay. Arriving in New York, somehow, he gave her the "slip", and he could not be found anywhere, and Verena was obliged to leave New York with her other brothers for Cleveland, Ohio, without him. They, however, surmised that he might have gone on with other immigrants to this place. On arriving at Cleveland they found him here. After arriving at Bluffton, Ohio, he, with the rest remained there for a short while. Later he went to Fort Wayne, Ind., where he engaged in carpenter work. Being of a roving disposition he for several years was entirely lost to his people, but again re-appeared at the home of his sister Verena Baumgartner, near Vera Cruz, Ind., having lived in St. Louis, Mo. He was married to a Miss Souvan in 1850 and resided in Ft. Wayne. She died in Ft. Wayne, Ind., about 1865. He was married a second time to a minister's widow, Mrs. Lucy Crittenden, (nee Leland). He then moved to Buffalo, N. Y., where this woman died. Time of this marriage and her death is unknown. He was married a third time to a Miss Rowley in Buffalo, whose home was in Rochester, N. Y., about 1882. Soon after this marriage he moved to Brooklyn, N. Y. He was then known as Dr. Walty. He died in Brooklyn in 1890, and his body was interred at Rochester, N. Y., her former home. They had no children. In Buffalo he worked in a factory until he took up some sort of rubber pump treatments, which he gave people for certain ailments, with considerable success. He had a small hospital in Buffalo. With his first wife he appears to have had three children, namely:

#### A—Henry B. Walty, Fifth Generation, Salesman, 1852-1925.

Henry was born in Ft. Wayne, Aug. 20, 1852. He received his education in Buffalo, N. Y., where he grew to manhood. He was married to Ida M. DeKlyn, Dec. 22, 1875, and with her joined the River Side M. E.

Church in Buffalo. Here he served as an official and teacher of a Bible class and sercretary of the Temperance League. He was a salesman by profession. He went to his reward July 9, 1925. To them were born in Buffalo, N. Y.:

**I—Percy D. Walty, Sixth Generation, Toronto, Canada. Fruit Co. Mgr.**

Percy D. entered this life Aug. 22, 1879. He obtained a good education. He lives in Toronto, Canada, where he is manager of the United Fruit Co., of New York City. He was married to Miss Jess Cummer of Buffalo, N. Y. Time of her birth and marriage was not obtained. To them were born, Seventh Generation:

1—Ethel C., 2—Robert D., 3—William, 4—John B., 5—Margarett. Birthdays were omitted.

**II—Clifford Walty, Sixth Generation, Foreman, Buffalo, N. Y.**

Clifford entered this life in Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1885. Here he received a liberal education, graduating from the Buffalo Central high school. He is now engaged as foreman of the DuPont Fibersilk Co., in Buffalo. He was baptized as a child in 1886, and later became a member of the River Side M. E. Church. For some time he lived in Harrisburg, Pa. Here he had been engaged as R. R. United Fruit Co. inspector. He married Flora Moyer in 1914, at Harrisburg, Pa. She was born at Georgetown, Pa., in 1895. They now live 53 Progressive Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. To them is born in Buffalo, N. Y.:

1—Ida DeKlyn, Seventh Generation, Aug. 22, 1924.

**III—Olive Walty, Sixth Generation, Nurse, Buffalo, N. Y.**

Olive entered her path of life Sept. 9, 1887. She graduated from the Buffalo Central high school. She is also a graduate registered trained nurse of Buffalo, under the N. Y. State Law, doing private nursing. She was baptized as a child in 1888, and in 1893 she became a member of the Riverside M. E. Church. She is unmarried.

**IV—Myrtle Walty, Fletcher, Sixth Generation.**

Myrtle was born in Buffalo, date not given. She was married in 1897 in Buffalo, N. Y., to Edward Fletcher. He is an electrician. They lived in New York City several years, then in Port Clinton, Ohio, and then in Oakfield, N. Y. In 1910 they moved back to Buffalo, where she died at the age of 40 years. He married again and lives in LaSalle, N. Y. To them were born:

1—Walter Fletcher, Seventh Generation.

Walter was born in 1898. He doubtless has a good education. He was married. Time and person not given.

2—Ora Fletcher, Seventh Generation.

Ora was born in 1900. He doubtless has a good education. He was married, but time and person not given. After their mother's death these sons were looked after by their aunt, Mrs. Walter Newton, who lived in New York City, where her husband was a prominent "Wall Street" man. Nothing further heard.

V—Grace Walty, Sixth Generation.

Grace was born in Buffalo, N. Y. She never was married and died at the age of 24 years.

B—Elizabeth Walty, Cook, Fifth Generation.

Elizabeth, commonly called Lizzie, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., about 1855. She attended the Buffalo schools. She married a Mr. Cook, who was a Civil War veteran. He was about 25 years her senior. They have two children:

I—Lucy Cook, Sixth Generation.

Lucy was born in Buffalo, N. Y., about 1878.

II—Alice Cook, Sixth Generation.

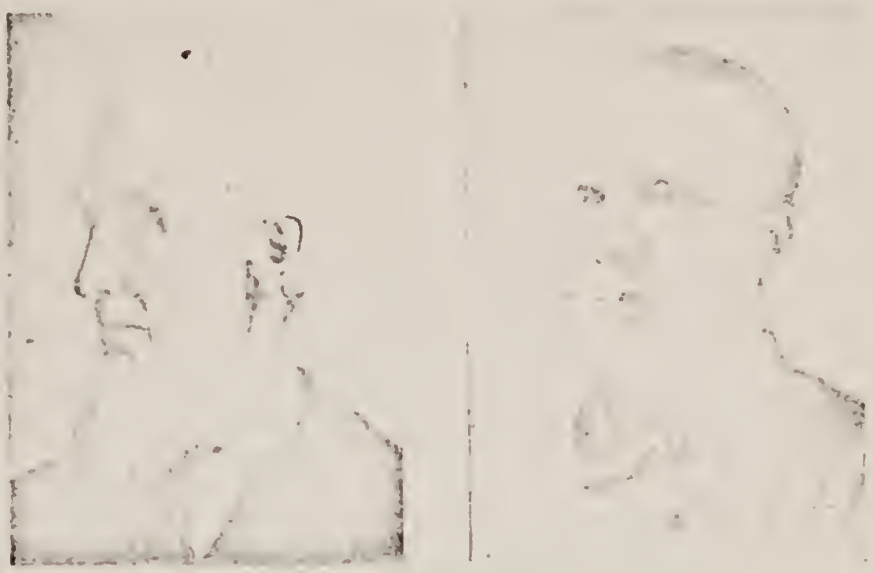
Alice was born in Buffalo, N. Y., about 1895.

C—Samuel Walty, Fifth Generation.

Samuel was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1859. He was married to Emma Lane. They had two children, a son Matthias, who died in infancy; and a daughter Macy, who grew to womanhood and married. Person and time not known. He was married a second time to a Roman Catholic woman, and to please her he also joined her church. They had several children together. He was a machinist by trade. He was run down and instantly killed by an interurban traction car, 16 years ago, or in 1909. He seems to have kept away from the rest of the family. After his mother's death he lived one year with his aunt, Verena Baumgartner, French Tp., Adams Co., Ind. He was rather wild in his youthful days.

## CHAPTER VI.

### Fredrick Welty, Fourth Generation, 1831-1910.



MR. AND MRS. FREDRICK WELTY

Fredrick was born in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmenthal, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 3, 1831. He obtained a fair education. His parents reared him in the faith of the Mennonite Church, which he joined as a young man and remained true to her until his demise, Sept. 28, 1910. In 1855 with his parents he came to America, settling in Putnam Co., Ohio, near Pandora. He was married to Katharina Steiner, Sept. 4, 1856. She was born in Alsace, Lothringen, June 5, 1833. She was two years old when her parents and grandparents came to America in 1835. Her father's name was John F., whose father was the first bishop of the Mennonite Church in Allen and Putnam Counties, Ohio. Her brother became bishop after grandfather's death. The word "bishop" in the early Mennonite Church stood for authority, and his word was law and gospel for the churches he served. No one would think of disputing their word. The bishop was the actual head of the church. The members believed that when he spoke it was under divine inspiration.

After marriage F. moved south of Bluffton, Ohio, on the Michael Herr farm, residing there until 1866, when they sold the farm. He then made a prospective tour to Missouri, then a very new country. But the unsettled condition there did not appeal sufficiently strong to him to buy land and move his family there. Returning home in the spring of 1867, he bought a farm four miles north of Bluffton, Ohio, which remained their residence to their end. Strenuous toil, patience and economy were prerequisites to establish themselves comfortably. They experienced the hardships of early pioneer life, which the present generation cannot fully grasp and appreciate. It was toiling, toiling, from early morning until

often late into the night, for both of them. Land had to be cleared, fences built, fields had to be drained by surface and underground drainage, plowing stumpy ground, blasting stumps, or otherwise uproot them, planting crops, cultivating with single cultivators, mowing grass with scythes, scattering the grass to dry, rake it together by hand, load it and unload it with hand forks, cradling rye, wheat, oats, bind it by hand, and sometimes flail out the wheat, or tramp it out, and clean it with the little windmill, and a hundred other duties and details were the yearly routine of work. No sitting at work, but walk, walk, walk all day long. And for her the drudgery of housework, gardening, poultry raising, making butter and cheese, wash and mend clothes, spin wool and flax, knit and darn, etc., etc., required strenuous effort, watchfulness and patience, often using up every ounce of her strength. Yes, and for a real "delicatessen", in winter seasons, ample provisions had to be made for a good supply of mush, cornbread, sauerkraut and speck. (My, it makes one think of "dem good old days, in the old little log cabins wat eberry body enjoyed.")

Both Fredrick and his wife were highly respected members of the Mennonite Church, and of the citizens in the vicinity of their activities. His last years were years of ailments and gradual decline as life's evening shadows came upon him, but he remained conscious to the end. His funeral services were held in the Ebenezer Mennonite Church, Saturday afternoon, with Revs. Gottshall and C. Zimmerly officiating. The church esteemed him highly, though he never filled official positions in the church. Several years prior to his death he retired from active farm work and devoted himself to "bee culture", an industry in which he was proficient and which afforded him great satisfaction. He characterized his life with good habits, noble aspirations, and consistent Christian life. He always aimed to raise his family according to the Bible standard. He tried to make it possible, especially for the boys, to obtain a good education, and succeeded; for they are all filling prominent positions in life along different lines of activities, achieving laudable success.

In 1896 he made a trip to Switzerland, his native home, which he greatly enjoyed and thankfully appreciated. In 1906 together they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, at which all their living children were present with many relatives and friends. He was survived by 12 children, 55 grandchildren, and though widely scattered they were all at his funeral except Wm. F., living in New Mexico. Mrs. W. died in 1913. Her death was superinduced by a fall, breaking a hip. She lived about a year after this accident. She was an inspiration to her family, and to those

in her neighborhood, and to the ministers of the Gospel, because of her oft expressed hope of a future life of bliss and glory. She bore her sufferings with patience and resignations until death relieved her. To them were born the following children, near Bluffton, Ohio:

### A—Anna Welty, Fifth Generation.

Anna was born Mar. 1, 1857, and departed three days later.



Mrs. Christina Niswander

### B—Christina Welty, Niswander, Fifth Generation, 1858-1888.

Christina was born Apr. 18, 1858. She attended rural school. Early in life she was baptized and joined the Swiss Mennonite Church. She married Elias Niswander, (Neuenschwander). Time not given. She passed away Apr. 8, 1888. They lived four miles west of Bluffton, Ohio, where were born to them:

#### I—Sarah Niswander, Steiner, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Bulffton, Ohio.

Sarah entered this life Nov. 13, 1879. She attended rural school. She married Enos P. Steiner at her home Dec. 4, 1902. They are farmers half mile east of Bluffton. By baptism she became a member of the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1896, where he also belongs. She has been a S. S. teacher. To them were born near Bluffton:

Seventh Generation

1—Glen W., Jan. 21, 1904.
2—C. Raymond, Feb. 26, 1906.
3—Carey L., Mar. 26, 1908.
4—Stanley F., Sept. 29, 1910.
5—Mabel C., Mar. 31, 1913.
6—James I., July 19, 1915.
7—Beulah L., Dec. 21, 1917.

#### II—Rhoda Niswander, Hilty, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Bluffton, Ohio.

Rhoda was born Apr. 20, 1881. She attended the "Hilty" school. She married Phi. Hilty Jan. 23, 1908, at her home. They have farmed to date. By baptism she united with the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1900. She has been a S. S. teacher and belongs to the Missionary Society for two years. She made a pleasure trip to Chicago, Cincinnati, and to Indiana. To their home near Bluffton came:

Seventh Generation

1—Minerva Kath., Nov. 3, 1908.
2—Herman Elias, Mar. 9, 1911.
3—Clela Christine, June 4, 1914.
5—Gordon Benj., Mar. 30, 1916.
6—Wilmer Marvin, May 15, 1918.

**III—Alice Niswander, Bixel, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Alice came to be Sept. 10, 1882. She went to the "Hilty" school. By baptism she joined the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Apr. 13, 1900, and he Apr. 6, 1901. She married Menno Bixel of Bluffton, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1905. He was born Feb. 16, 1881. He is a dealer in Ford cars. She made a trip to Arizona and California. They are the parents of:

1—Clayton C. Bixel, Seventh Generation.

Clayton C. was born Aug. 6, 1906. He was baptized and admitted to the First Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio, Apr. 2, 1920. Here he graduated from high school in 1925. And now is a Sophomore in Bluffton College.

2—Richard E. Bixel, Seventh Generation.

Richard was born Aug. 2, 1912. He was baptized Apr. 5, 1925, and united with his parents' church. He is now a Freshman in Bluffton high school.

**IV—Catharine Niswander, Sixth Generation, Chicago, Ill., Missionary.**



Catharine Niswander

Catharine was born Jan. 10, 1884. After completing graded school she attended one year Bluffton College. She studied music in the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. She graduated from the Ft. Wayne Bible Training School, and took some work in the Columbia College of Expression. Since, she has done city mission work in Chicago for 11 years. She was baptized and admitted into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church near Bluffton, Ohio, when 16 years old. She has served as S. S. Supt. and teacher, as Pres. of the Y. P. Society, and Sec'y. Also as Sec'y of the W. M. and Aid Society and Jr. C. E. Supt. in Bluffton, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill. She made a trip to the Pacific coast, staying one year. She lives in Chicago, 1500 W. 72d Place.

**V—Carey F. Niswander, Sixth Generation, Merchant, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Carey F. entered this world May 3, 1886. He finished graded school and graduated from Lima Business College. He has been in the mer-

chant business for 17 years. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio, in 1903. He was married to Luly Hilty of Bluffton in 1911. From this union issued:

1—Elvira, June 21, 1912, Seventh Generation. Freshman in Bluffton high school. Baptized Apr. 5, 1925.

2—Martha J., July 5, 1914, Seventh Generation.

3—Ivan Fred, Apr. 29, 1916, Seventh Generation. Died in infancy.

4—Marcella I., Dec. 15, 1918, Seventh Generation.

### VI—Albert Isaac Niswander, Sixth Generation, Implement Dealer, Bluffton, Ohio.

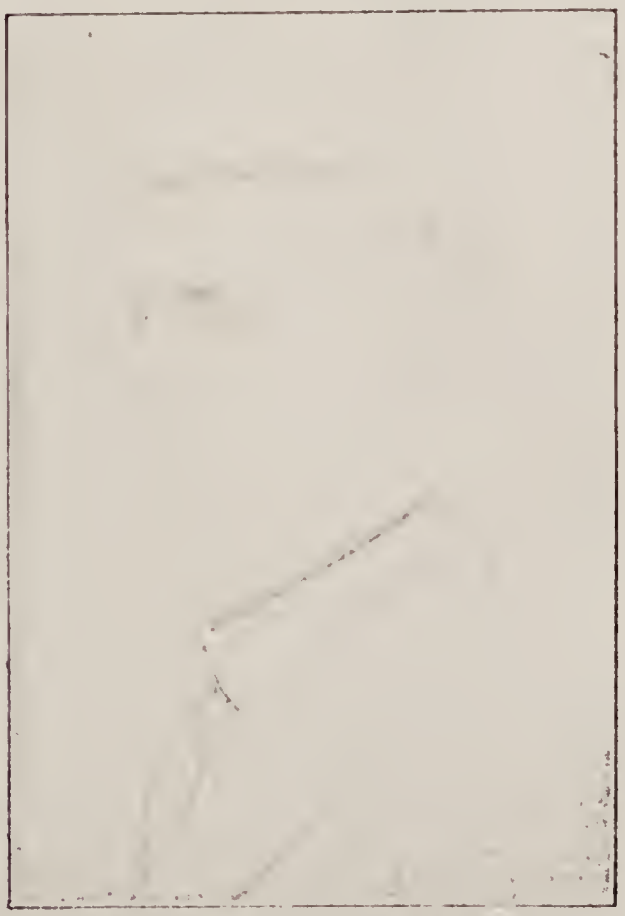
Albert I. was born Mar. 6, 1888. He attended the "Hilty" school. He has been in the farming implement business in Bluffton, Ohio, for 15 years to date. He was baptized and received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1905. He married Ethel Ream of Lima, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1916. She was born in Hancock Co., Ohio, June 19, 1898. He has traveled the western states to the Pacific coast. To them were born in Bluffton, Ohio:

1—Letha Merlin, Nov. 30, 1917, Seventh Generation.

2—Eldon Albert, May 17, 1921, Seventh Generation. Died in infancy.

3—Jeanette Eileen, Jan. 26, 1925, Seventh Generation. Died in 1926.

### C—William F. Welty, Fourth Generation, Cumberland, N. Mex.



PROF. WILLIAM WELTY

Wm. F. was born on a farm near Bluffton, Ohio, March 26, 1859. Due to his mother's teaching, the impression that he must serve humanity came early in his boyhood. He grew up on the farm, where he had the opportunity to "duil" his father's carpenter and blacksmith tools. His ingenuity led him to attempt many things. The early impressions grew stronger. At the age of 13, he determined to fit himself for the ministry or a teacher. To aid boys and girls to lead an ambitious life became the one objective. Being the oldest at home his public school opportunities were limited, and it was not

until Aug., 1878, that he was privileged to attend Wadsworth College. This was the culmination of a secret cherished desire and he often asked God for His guiding hand in directing his energies to secure an adequate education. Spending the following summer on the farm, he entered Vermillion Institute, Hayesville, Ohio. Here he worked his way through school and studied German under Prof. van der Smissen, formerly of Wadsworth College.

He opened his first public school in the Black Swamp near Miller City, Ohio, where he taught for three terms and one term in an adjoining district. This was followed by the superintendency of the Florida schools, Florida, Ohio. Afterwards a school of two terms was taught near Defiance, Ohio. Realizing the boys' needs at home, he taught there for three winter terms and several spring terms. He says, "This school made a lasting impression inasmuch as the enrollment was 82, with an attendance as high as 78 and only one room. English and German classes were heard, and rhetoric and algebra after school hours to such as desired it." At the close of his work there sixteen pupils passed the county examination and became teachers.

During vacations, if not at manual work, he attended Fostoria Academy, Columbus Business College, and Defiance College, respectively. In the fall of 1886 he entered Hartsville College, Hartsville, Ind., as a student, teaching German and vocal music, at the same time specializing in mathematics, Latin, and Greek. After two years, he became first assistant in Watson Seminary, Ashley, Mo., finishing his course with the degree of A. B. in the spring of 1889. In the fall of 1889, he was elected principal of Olney Institute, Olney, Mo., where he organized a private school, and taught for three years with more than usual success. He then accepted a position in Hiram and Lydia College, Altus, Arkansas, to supervise the work in English, German, and Greek and teaching vocal music and band instruments after school hours. At the close of the year, the principalship of Olney Institute was again tendered him at an increased salary, the presidency of Hiram and Lydia College and that of Greenwood Normal College were also at his refusal. The last was accepted. During the year he visited Siloam Spring, Arkansas, a health resort. Here he found an enrollment of 527 pupils with a seating capacity of 217 in the public school. This seemed to be an ideal place to establish a private school and take charge of the public department.

At the close of the year at Greenwood he came to Siloam Springs, secured 12 lots just 85 steps above the springs, on a nice sloping hill,

where he began the erection of a seven-roomed academy, a two-roomed cottage and the following year built a hall 36x70 and an eight-roomed dwelling. The courses led to the regular Collegiate Department with a Teachers' Course and Conservatory of Music. The school was accredited and reached an enrollment of 142 besides the public department. After several years' work as a "self-help" school for such as needed means, he rented the buildings to some who wished to build a greater school and accepted the superintendency of the Cove, Arkansas, school, where he taught for three years. After a year he was unanimously elected to return to Siloam Springs, which place was tendered him the third time, but as the salary was better he remained at Cove. Then followed the superintendency of the Locksburg schools, and lastly Booneville, where he superintended the schools for three years before he accepted a position in the State University to teach mathematics. Here he enrolled 272 students in his classes out of nearly 1200 in attendance at the university. After the beginning of the second year at this place it became apparent that he had to move to New Mexico for the sake of the climate. After some correspondence he found that there was a college just in the forming at Cumberland, New Mexico, that needed help to organize and lay a foundation for its beginning. The company who were in charge of the matter had a townsite and were selling lots. Land was also secured for a college site and laid off into lots which were to be sold for the benefit of the college. In the first place a church building was erected which was to be used for school purposes till the proposed college could be built. After taking care of the school work for three years, it became apparent on account of the speculative mind of the founders, the drought, and the World War, that the college could not be built, and was therefore discontinued for the time awaiting the readjustments of the World War, etc. The drought which lasted for three years and the call for persons to serve in the war had reduced the population over 90%. The orchard of 70 acres, which was planted to give students work had to be abandoned.

For the time being it was thought best to engage in dairying and grow Jersey stock. The herd at one time numbered over 70 head and has proven very satisfactory under the circumstances. In 1917 he was appointed postmaster, which place (1926) he still holds. He was always busy during vacations. At Watson Seminary money was raised and a hall 36x70 was built. At Olney a two-roomed building was erected for music and art. At Booneville money was raised for a Presbyterian Church. He did the architectural work and built it. He built the buildings at Siloam Springs,

largely with student labor. A church and manse were built at Cumberland. In all eight buildings were built during his 33 years of teaching. Always ready to lend a helping hand, he was appointed crop reporter by the government for the Agricultural Department at Washington in 1911, still making reports. In 1916 he was appointed artesian well inspector of the Pecos Valley and did work with the Geodetic Department at Washington to ascertain the source of the artesian water of the valley.

He has several patents to his credit. The best are a device to present objects to the pupils to practice concentration of the mind, and a farm gate that is opened and closed automatically by a controlling hinge. As a solicitor and organizer he has had marked success. In Olney five factions were united and all supported the school. He probably raised 90% of the money for public buildings he built and often secured money and endorsements when it was thought impossible.

Wherever his lot was cast, he took an active part in the religious work, resulting in working with 14 denominations and scores of ministers. In meetings he generally took charge of music. In Olney a seven weeks' meeting resulted in 107 converts, at Greenwood, 105 was the result of the work of five weeks. This meeting was held at the close of the school year and five gave themselves to the work of the ministry. One of the last problems to be solved before beginning his career in the schoolroom was, "How shall I open my school to give the best results to humanity?" After a brief consideration, it was concluded that the schools should be opened with songs, reading of the Bible, and prayer. Never, during the 33 years' teaching, in public or private schools was this feature omitted and the 202 teachers that worked with and for him did the same thing and only one did it under protest. He invariably became superintendent of a Sunday School, where he taught, was usually a member of the church session and often clerk of it. During the union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. he was elected moderator of the Ft. Smith Presbytery and lent his hand for the union. One year, in addition to his work, he was field secretary of the Christian Endeavor of Arkansas, and at another time he traveled in the Endowment interest of Arkansas Cumberland College. He always worked with the Y. M. C. A. when opportunity afforded.

Having to work his way through school, he determined to aid such students with the result that none were turned away for the want of means to pay, but work was generally found for such, with the understanding

that the difference should be paid when they could. Thirteen boys and girls were taken into their home and educated, some of whom now hold the very best positions. He is doing home mission work at this place.



MRS. WILLIAM WELTY

Emily Amelia Gaylord Welty, his wife, was born at Hoylton, Ill., Apr. 17, 1872. They were married June 12, 1895, at Sandoval, Ill. Her English ancestors, the Gaylords and Cowles, came to this country in 1630 and 1635 because of religious persecution in England. The ancient ruins of the Gaylord Castle are still discernable on the Thames River. Her parents moved to Sandoval, Ill., and bought a farm adjoining the town where she spent most of her childhood. Later the family moved to Nebraska, but after nine years' sojourn returned to their former home in Illinois, and went into the lumber business.

She attended Done College, Nebr., and later graduated from Fairfield College with an A. B. degree. She studied music, art, and expression in college and under excellent private teachers, and has taught in schools and privately for 18 years. The past three summers she studied music and art attending the American Institute of Normal Methods, an Extension of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., and Chicago Musical College, where she took special courses and was granted a teacher's certificate.

She is an artist member of the State Federation of Music Clubs and some of her compositions appeared on the programs at the state meeting. Several of her piano and vocal compositions have been published and others will be in the near future. At present she has large classes in piano and expression.

I—Lester W. Welty, Sixth Generation, Dist. Agt., Clinton, Iowa.

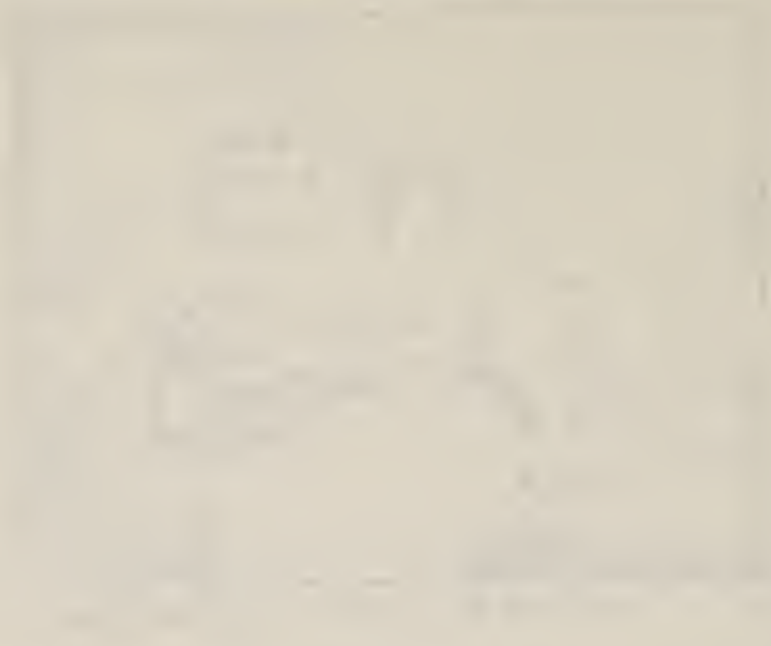


Mr. and Mrs. Lester Welty and Son

Lester W. was born Aug. 15, 1896, at Siloam Springs, Ark. He won in the high school oratorical contest in 1913. He graduated from the Roswell high school, N. Mex., June, 1914. In 1914-16 he taught school in New Mexico; Sales. Ill.; Wis., Minn., and Iowa. Then he entered Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., where he graduated in 1920 with a B. S. degree. Then he entered the services of the Mass. Mutual Life Ins. Co., located in Clinton, Ia. When a child he was baptized, Aug., 1897, in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Ark. He joined this denomination in 1905 at Boonville, Ark. In 1918 he joined the Congregational Church at Galesburg, Ill., and in 1921 transferred to the First Presbyterian Church at Clinton, where he now is a deacon, and has served as S. S. teacher since 1920. He has been Pres. of the Y. P. Society, belongs to the choir and quartette of the church as tenor singer. In 1919-20 he was a member of the Knox College Glee Club and was active in debating and forensics. He, too, was a member of the Y. M. C. A. and Gospel-team work, while at College. After several rejections for regular army and navy services due to near-sightedness, he was accepted Aug., 1918, for U. S. Military Training Detachment at Mesillo Park, N. M. In Nov. he was billed for Artillery Central Officers' Training Camp, Louisville, Ky., when the war ended and he was discharged in Dec., 1918.

On June 1, 1921, he married Helen B. Graham. She was born at South Edgewood Farm, Denver, Ill., Sept. 20, 1897. She graduated from high school at Carthage, Ill., in 1915. During the World War she was community song director. In 1919 she graduated from Knox College with an A. B. degree, and also from its Conservatory of Music. She was a member of the quartette, and soprano soloist, of Central Congregational Church in 1918-19. In the Conservatory she was a student instructor in voice in 1919, and of Romance Language, Lincoln College, Lincoln, Ill., 1919-20. She is now an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Ia. Here was born to them:

1—Charles Wm., Oct. 11, 1925, Seventh Generation.



H—Holis Gaylord was born Feb. 2, 1900, and died Feb. 9, 1902.

**D—Rev. Adam D. Welty, Fifth Generation, Mission Supt., Lima, Ohio.**



REV. ADAM D. WELTY

Adam D. was born July 3, 1860. After completing country school he took a term of Normal work at Ada, Ohio, and a term at Angola, Ind. Then he taught school near at home. He was baptized March, 1893, and joined the Missionary Alliance Church in Bluffton, Ohio, where he served as trustee, deacon, elder, S. S. Supt., and teacher and did rescue work, which led up to his present work. For a help meet in life's work he married Miriam Steiner of Bluffton, Ohio, Apr. 8, 1891. She was born Nov. 12, 1870. She had a common school education. Prior to marriage, both yielded their lives to God for service as He might direct. In 1892 they were called to Berne, Ind., to assist J. A. Sprunger in his orphanage work. For three years they labored here with no fixed salary. He taught school and looked after the boys, and she cared for the babies. Then for a year he was in the grocery business, trying to evade the call of God, but soon discovered that he was not doing God's will. Then he prayed for a buyer of his business. A few days later a man came and made him an acceptable offer; the sale was consummated, and, as he delivered the store key to the buyer, a great joy came over him.

That he might do better Gospel work he spent in 1895 a term in the Chicago Moody Bible Institute. They then moved to Bluffton, Ohio, where for nearly two years he attended Bethany Bible School. Dec. 5, 1899, they moved to South Lima, Ohio, among the poorest of the poor and took charge of a small Sunday School in a two-room shack. No guaranteed salary was offered them, yet they continued here for seven years with severe testings of their faith, but God provided. Souls were converted and gathered into a small group which was the start of a vital religious work that grew into the present proportion. (See below). At times they only had bread and butter to give for supper to their children. Their clothing for some years were donated by friends of the mission, which Mrs. Welty made over for them. Being a good household manager she made it possible to live on a very meager income. With devotion to their mission, and courage and faith that God honored, they cared for many

poor and outcasts. This tender plant outgrew its capacity. Arrangements to build a church, though no money was on hand, was made among them. A collection was taken, netting $39.50. Business men were told of this effort and they contributed enough to buy a building site on Third Street. Welty removed his coat, dug the trenches, built the foundation, and the Lima Locomotive Works donated the building material. Finishing lumber was bought on credit. Cheesecloth was tacked over the window openings. Plasterers plastered the church for $20.00, and in a few months it was ready for service. Business men paid the debt.

On Nov. 1, 1906 they moved into new quarters at 207 E. North St., where real work for God was begun among the needy. The second night two drunkards came to this mission, thinking it was a drunkards' resort. In surprise they asked, "What does this mean?" In loving kindness they were told of the change, and gave them a Gospel story. Again they asked, "Will you do this kind of work in this slum district of Lima?" These men were saved and later died, having, per testimony, remained true to God to the end.

In the midst of this work Mrs. Welty died Feb. 26, 1909. Prior to her demise she admonished her children to be true to God, then said, "I am now ready. I am washed in the blood of the Lamb", and passed away triumphantly. Though being left with five children he kept the mission going. This was a great task. But God and the children helped him. On June 29, 1911, he was married again, to Emma Klay, who took an active part in this work besides mothering the children. Again the Lord laid it upon their hearts to provide a commodious and modern building in a more suitable place for more effective and efficient work. After much prayer, the corner lot on Wayne and Central Avenues was bought for $5,555.00 to be paid in six months. On May 1, 1914, Mrs. Welty's $200.00 saved from her boarding money, was applied for first payment on this lot. By solicitations and voluntary gifts from business men the lot was paid for in 18 months, and a clear title was obtained Nov. 18, 1915. In March, 1916, with $400.00 on hand, excavation began. Prominent business men at the Board of Commerce raised $4,000.00 for the superstructure. When the four-story building was finished a $28,000.00 debt faced them. Mrs. W. took charge of the feeding and caring of the transients, while he went forth to raise money in towns, cities and country churches in which he succeeded admirably. He said, "Without Mrs. Welty's sturdy character, counsel and economy, building this fine structure could never have been accomplished." It stands as a monument of their faith in God. There are now in this mission, 400 to 500 persons applying for help every month.

Samples of the work done here: A young man that was rescued from the depths of sin has since become a prominent business man in the West. A brother to him is now a missionary in Africa. Another, Rev. D. R. Plunkett, is now in the evangelistic work.

Mr. Welty's children are these:

**I—Glen Valentine Welty, Sixth Generation.**

Glen V. was born Feb. 14, 1892, at Pandora, Ohio, and died at Orrville, Ohio, Mar. 29, 1893.

**II—Sylvanus Roy Welty, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Attorney.**

Sylvanus R. was born at Bluffton, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1893. He graduated from the Lima high school, and from Wilson Academy in 1914, and from Bluffton College in 1917 with an A. B. degree. Then he entered Princeton Theological Seminary, N. J., then McCormick Seminary in Chicago, Ill., where he graduated in 1920 with a B. D. degree. Then for one and one-half years he preached in Buchanan, Mich., and served two and one-half years as church executive in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. Then he attended the Ohio Northern Law School at Ada, Ohio. He is now practicing law and is interested in Republican politics in Ft. Wayne, Ind. He was baptized in 1905 and received into the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Lima, Ohio. But later transferred to the Presbyterian Church. He took military training in Princeton, R. O. T. C. He has been to Saskatchewan, Canada; in Idaho and Kentucky. He is unmarried.

**III—Frederick Arthur Welty, Sixth Generation, Teacher, Lima, Ohio.**

Frederick A. was born in Berne, Ind., Mar. 15, 1896. He graduated from the Lima high school in 1917, and from Bluffton College in 1922. Then he taught school three years, first in Illinois and now in Lima, Ohio. No church affiliation is given, but he has been a solo singer in Lima churches the last three years. In the World War he received his training at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. He ranked as Corporal in the Air Service. He was not overseas; was discharged Jan. 1, 1919. While at college he belonged to the College Glee Club, and with it traveled from coast to coast in the summer of 1922. He is single.

**IV—Ruth Elizabeth Welty, Churchill, Sixth Generation, Lima, Ohio.**

Ruth E. entered life in Lima, Ohio, Aug. 3, 1900. She is a graduate of the Lima high school. She spent 18 months in Bluffton College, then taught school for three years. She is gifted in music and plays the piano beautifully. She belongs to the M. E. Church in Lima. She married

Chester Anderson Churchill, Nov. 23, 1921, at Lima. He was born Sept. 20, 1898, and graduated from Lima high school. Then he took a course in Ohio State University. He is a member of the Churchill-Enck Construction Co., road builders. They live in Lima, Ohio.

### V—Paul David Welty, Sixth Generation, Lima, Ohio.

Paul D. was born in Lima, Ohio, July 31, 1902. When in the eighth grade in the Lima public school his health failed and he was compelled to cease school work. He is now helping in mission work at the Rescue Home. He was baptized in 1909.

### VI—Katharine Ann Welty, Mrs. Rev. C. W. Jones, Sixth Generation, Chicago, Ill.

Katharine A. was born in Lima, Ohio, Sept 27, 1904. She graduated in the Lima high school, then attended one year Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio, and one year at Nyack Bible Institute, N. Y. Then for a time she taught public school, then was a stenographer, now a housekeeper. She received Christian baptism when six years old and membership in the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Lima. She made a pleasure trip through eastern U. S. She was married to Clarence W. Jones, Aug. 2, 1924, in Lima. He was born Dec. 15, 1900, and is of English lineage. He is a minister. They live at 825 Barry Ave., Chicago, Ill. To them was born:

1—Marion Ruth, Apr. 29, 1925, Seventh Generation.

### VII—Marcella Welty, Sixth Generation.

Marcella was born in Lima, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1912. She is now in school.

### VIII—Kenneth Adam Welty, Sixth Generation.

Kenneth A. was born in Lima, Ohio, Aug. 23, 1917, and is now in school.

### IX—James Clay Welty, Sixth Generation.

James C. entered life in Lima, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1920, and is in school.

### F—Andrew J. Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Andrew J. was admitted to this world near Bluffton, Allen Co., Ohio, Jan. 9, 1862. He had a twin sister Caroline. After finishing district school, he went one year to the Tri-State College, Angola, Ind. Then he launched out in farming and dairy work which he has now continued successfully 38 years, near Apple Creek, Wayne Co., Ohio. He received

Christian baptism and admission to the Mennonite Church near Bluffton, Ohio, Mar. 26, 1880. After marriage he transferred his church membership to the Salem Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio. In 1918, during the "World War", being a loyal citizen of the United States, he felt duty-bound to let his sons enlist for military service in the U. S. army. His church being defenseless in their attitude to war, he was censured by some of its leaders, for consenting to his son's enlistment. To help his church out of a dilemma on this matter, he peaceably withdrew with his family, from the Mennonite fold, and united by letter with the Reformed Church at Apple Creek, Ohio. It was a matter of conscience, and loyalty to the U. S., that impelled him to take this step. He had served the Mennonite Church loyally and consistently as an elder for 12 years, and as a S. S. teacher for 20 years. To sever from this church, in which he was born and raised, and which he loved, and applied much energy and time in its temporal and spiritual welfare, was not delightsome, but gave him inward pangs and regrets; but once persuaded that his course was right, nothing could deter him from rendering obedience to a known duty. He has the respect and esteem of his fellowmen in and out of the church. On Jan. 6, 1887, he married Mary Amstutz near Bluffton, Ohio. She was born Aug. 3, 1864. She has a district school education. Early in life she espoused by baptism the faith of the Mennonite Church. She has been a faithful wife and mother in the family, raising eight boys, doing the multiplied duties of a housekeeper. Much credit is due to her energy, grit and economy for the success they together achieved. To their home at Apple Creek, Ohio, came:

**I—Alvin L. Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Apple Creek, Ohio.**

Alvin L. was born Oct. 21, 1887. After finishing district school he went through the Apple Creek high school, then to Wooster Preparatory School and graduated June 11, 1908, and then one year in Bluffton College. Then he pursued teaching for three years. After this he worked in the post-office for three years in Apple Creek and Akron, Ohio. He is now (1925) working on the farm. He received Christian baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church when 13 years old. He joined the Presbyterian Church at Apple Creek, Ohio, by letter in 1912. In the draft for the World War he was sent for training, May 19, 1918, to Camp Beauregard, Ky., and later to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. He ranked as private in 155 Field Hospital. He was overseas from Aug. 20, 1918, in 144 Sanitary Train Hospital. He was not in the front, but after the war was over he was in the Army Occupation in Germany at Trear, Treas, and Luxenburg. He was discharged at Long Island, N. Y., May 14, 1919. He is yet single.

### II—Clyde O. Welty, Sixth Generation.

Clyde O. was born Apr. 13, 1889. As a flower he soon passed away, Mar. 22, 1890.

### III—Clair W. Welty, Sixth Generation, Air Service in World War.

Clair W. was born Oct. 15, 1890. He graduated from the Apple Creek high school; then from Wooster Preparatory School, June 11, 1908; from Scranton, Pa., as draftsman, Feb., 1912. Then he taught school two terms, after which he worked in a steel mill at Youngstown, Ohio, for five years. By baptism he was admitted into the Salem Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio, when 14 years old. In 1912 he transferred by letter to the Presbyterian Church at Apple Creek, Ohio. In the World War he entered military service, was trained at Rockfield, San Diego, Calif., ranked as first lieutenant, in the Air Service with the 55th Aero Squadron. He was in France from Feb. 27, 1918, to Nov. 10, 1918. He was monitor from June 22 to Nov. 10, 1918, 7:45 A. M., when he was killed in action. Here are extracts from war officials and others relative to Clair, and his work: Acting Chaplin Merchant S. Bush from Issoudun, France, Nov. 23, 1918, wrote to Clair's parents about the military funeral, saying, "They gave him a Christian burial in Camp Cemetery, 32, grave 146, Nov. 11, 1918, at 6:00 P. M., in a metalic casket furnished by the squadron." From Headquarters, Third Aviation Instruction Center, Dec. 9, 1918, Hiram Bingham, Lt. Col. A. S. Comdg wrote: "That Clair met his death as a result of an aviation accident. That he was a tester on one of the fields here, and was flying one of the smaller and faster machines, when it collided in mid-air with another plane, and fell to the ground out of control. Medical and mechanical aid were rushed to the wreck, but found him dead which was instantaneous. The cause of the accident could not be definitely determined. That he always did his duty thoroughly, exerting every effort to prepare himself to play a large part at the front. That he was universally held in high esteem by his brother officers." Florence A. Graves, Rep. of the Home Communication Service of the American Red Cross, wrote condoling words, saying: "He was flying with a pupil when the accident occurred. As a result of the collision the tail of the plane in which were your son and a pupil, was cut off. Lt. Welty made an effort to gain control of the plane, but it made a nose-dive and crashed into the ground. Both were instantly killed." She also reported, "the caskets of the two were draped with American flags, and covered with many flowers, and were buried side by side, with the flag flying at half-mast while the band played 'Nearer, My God, to Thee'. That a Scripture lesson was read and prayer

offered at the grave, followed by firing of the military salute of three guns, and lastly the bugle sounded the 'last call'. The cemetery he was buried in was at the edge of a little woods about seven miles from Issoudun, France." In 1920 his body was disinterred and brought home and buried a second time, Nov. 11th, in the Apple Creek Cemetery.

**IV—Evan E. Welty, Sixth Generation, Dairy Farming, Apple Creek, Ohio.**

Evan E. was born Sept. 11, 1892. He graduated in the Hunter County school and Apple Creek high school. He then took up farming and dairying which he has now (1925) followed for 13 years. He was baptized on Easter Sunday and became a member in the Reformed Church in Apple Creek, Ohio, 191—. He was a deacon in the church for two years. He made one pleasure trip to Niagara Falls, N. Y., and through Pennsylvania to New York City. He entered matrimony with Cloyva Blosser, at Apple Creek, Ohio, July 27, 1911. She was born Jan. 6, 1894. To them were born at this place:

**Seventh Generation**

1—Leila, Jan. 30, 1912.
2—Arden, May 6, 1914.
3—Wayne, Feb. 29, 1916.
4—Quintin, Mar. 27, 1925.

**V—Clayton E. Welty, Sixth Generation, Asst. City Mgr., E. Cleveland, O.**

Clayton E. entered this life Nov. 2, 1894. He graduated from the Apple Creek high school; then from Bluffton College, June 1, 1917; from Vocational Training in Ohio State University, June 12, 1923, with a B. S. degree, in business administration. Before entering military service he farmed at home. He was baptized and admitted into the Salem Mennonite Church Nov. 1, 1907. In 1919 he joined by letter the Presbyterian Church at Apple Creek, Ohio. He entered the World War military service July 25, 1917, at Camp Paris Island, S. C., and Quantico, Va. He left for France Feb. 7, 1918, as private, branch 5th Marine, 55 Co., 4th Brigade, 2d Division, remaining from Feb., 1918, to Aug. 10, 1918. He served in the front 14 days at Verdun in the trench; and from May 29 to June 14, 1918, on the battlefield Belleau Woods, when he was severely wounded by high explosive, in left shoulder, at 6:00 P. M. He was taken to the hospital. After a siege of suffering, he recuperated sufficiently to be returned to the U. S., where he was again placed in a hospital for full recovery. For some time his life was in the balance. But he gradually mended, and went to his parents; but soon he again had to go to a Government Hospital for further treatment. Finally, in a coughing spell, which the wounding occasioned, he coughed up some small bits of clothing that were evidently

drawn into his lung when hit by a piece of a shrapnel. This gave him relief and led to a speedier recovery. He was discharged from the Walter Reed Hospital. On Apr. 24, 1924, he married Ray Wright, at Solon, Ohio, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Wright, of the Presbyterian Church. He is now assistant city manager of East Cleveland, Ohio.

### VI—Leo D. Welty, Sixth Generation, Teacher.

Leo D. entered the arena of life Feb. 2, 1898. He graduated from the Orrville high school and then from Bluffton College, June 3, 1921, as Bachelor of Arts. Then he taught in high school, two years as principal, at Ray, N. Dak., and three years at Chester Tp. high school, Wooster, Ohio. He was baptized and admitted into the Salem Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 30, 1910. In 1921 he joined the Presbyterian Church at Apple Creek, Ohio, where he attends worship regularly. At Seattle, Washington University, he did two terms of post graduate work. He is yet single.

### VII—Stanley R. Welty, Sixth Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Stanley R. started life, Dec. 31, 1902. He graduated from the A. C H. S.; then from Wooster College June 11, 1924, with a B. S. degree. He was president of the Y. M. C. A. in 1923-24, while at college. He has been counselor in boys' camp for two summers, at Camp Harkness, Willouby, Ohio. At present he is teacher in economics, and is also athletic coach at Niles, Ohio. He received baptism and reception into the Salem Mennonite Church, Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 27, 1913. In 1921 by letter he joined the Presbyterian Church at Apple Creek, Ohio, where he attends church services and Sunday school regularly.

### VIII—Harold H. Welty, Sixth Generation, Student.

Harold H. began his earthly life Aug. 23, 1907. He also is a graduate of Apple Creek high school. In 1925 he was a Freshman student at Ohio Wesleyan College. His vacations are spent at home helping on the farm. He received baptism and reception, Oct. 5, 1919, into the Reformed Church at Apple Creek, Ohio, where he has been president of the Young People's Society. He is a regular attendant at church services and at Sunday school.

### E—Caroline Welty Steiner, Fifth Generation, 1862-93.

Caroline was born near Bluffton, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1862. She was a twin sister to Andrew Welty. She only attended district school. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, when a young woman. She married Peter R. Steiner, May 1, 1884. She

was a praying Christian wife and mother. The evening before her demise, she sang a song, then admonished the children to be good, and bade them goodbye. With sadness the children retired for the night, only to realize in the morning that mother had gone beyond. But, as her son E. says, "She left a spark of the heavenly fire in the hearts of the children that has not ceased to burn on the altar of their hearts." Her sister Lavina then cared for the children for some time, and for a while they stayed at their grandparents' home near Bluffton, Ohio. She passed beyond Feb. 11, 1893. To this union were born near Orrville, Ohio:

**I—O. Clarence Steiner, Sixth Generation, Orrville, Ohio, Civil Engineer.**

O. Clarence was born Feb. 20, 1885. He graduated from the Marshallville, Ohio, high school in 1906. He attended Ft. Wayne Bible Training School one winter. He taught two terms of school, 1907-09. He was converted, baptized and joined the Crown Hill Mennonite Church in 1900. He has served as S. S. Supt., and teacher for 20 years. Now teaches the Bible class. Since 1924 he belongs to Christ Reformed Church in Orrville, Ohio. He took preparatory school work at Wooster, Ohio, in 1909. Is a graduate from the University of Colorado, and of College of Civil Engineering at Boulder, Colo., in 1914. His work as engineer has taken him west, to Denver, Pueblo, Aspen, Boulder, etc., in Colo. He scaled Pikes Peak afoot. Was in Arizona and New Mexico with the U. S. Forest Service, in Los Angeles, Calif., with the Engineering Dept. of the Standard Oil Co., 1916, entered the service of the Salt Lake Route R. R. Co., in 1917.

In the World War he enlisted in the U. S. army with the 447th Detachment of Engineers in 1917, serving as a master engineer in France for one and a half year. He enlisted in Los Angeles, from whence he passed through San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Chicago, Buffalo, New York, Halifax, from thence to Glasgow, Scotland, thence through England, on across the English channel to France. His company's work in France comprised the construction of hospitals, railroads, and highways on St. Mihiel district. He had a leave of absence to Aix-les-Bains, Grenoble and Paris. Left France via Marseilles, sailing three days on the Mediterranean Sea, through the Strait of Gibraltar, passed Azores, thence to New York City and back to Orrville, Ohio. Since 1922 he has been civil engineer at Orrville.

On June 14, 1925, he was united in marriage with Orpha Shoup of Orrville, Ohio, in Christ Reformed Church. She was born Feb. 7, 1901. She graduated from the Orrville high school in 1919. During Junior and

Senior years she also attended Kent Normal School, Kent, Ohio. She taught in the Orrville public school one term in 1919-20. Then she studied two years at Wooster College, and then in 1922-24 she taught the History Dept. of the Orrville Junior High. And 1924-25 history in Wadsworth Junior High. Since childhood she attended the Christ Reformed Church in Orrville where she was baptized in 1914. For the past seven years she has served the church as pipe organist, and is also now S. S. teacher of an active Young Woman's class. Previous to the organ position she held various offices in the S. S. and C. E. S.

### II—Earl V. Steiner, Sixth Generation, Marshallville, Ohio

E. V. was born Sept. 5, 1886. Earl says the deathbed scene of his mother is unforgetable to him. He availed himself of good school opportunities. As a young man he was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church. He was married to Clara May Zimmerman, June 17, 1908. She was born Jan. 27, 1885. She graduated from the Orrville high school in 1904. One year she studied at Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, and attended the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio, for three months. She was baptized in the Missionary Association, Ft. Wayne, Ind. They are living on a farm near Marshallville, Ohio. To them are born:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Vincent, May 13, 1909. Now in H. S.
2—Lois, Mar. 18, 1911. Now in H. S.
3—Dwight, Apr. 7, 1913.
4—Carey, Feb. 4, 1915.
5—James, Mar. 15, 1917.
6—Mark, Feb. 8, 1920.
7—Bliss, Feb. 17, 1922.
8—Lowell, Feb. 9, 1924.
9—Roby, Mar. 6, 1925.

### III—Dillia Steiner, Sixth Generation, Kansas City, Kans., Dietitian.

Dillia entered the arena of life, Jan. 6, 1888. She graduated from the Orrville high school in 1907, and from the Thomas Normal, Detroit, Mich., in 1914. She was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, when a young woman. For education and pleasure she traveled from coast to coast. She is still traveling single handed. By profession she is a dietitian in the employ of the Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, Kans.

### IV—Edna Steiner, Sixth Generation, Orrville, Ohio.

Edna came into being near Orrville, Ohio, Aug. 14, 1889, and in young womanhood, pneumonia, after three days' illness, ended her earthly career.

She was a bright girl, in her second year of high school, making an average of 98 per cent.

**V—Sylvia Steiner, Stauffer, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Marshallville, O.**

Sylvia began the toils of life near Orrville, Ohio, Mar. 20, 1891. She graduated from Orrville high school in 1910. She was baptized and admitted into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in 1906, where she served as S. S. teacher. She made a pleasure trip to Niagara Falls, and to the Atlantic coast, including Washington, D. C.; Mt. Vernon, Philadelphia, New York City and other places. She entered the marriage bond with Rudy L. Stauffer, June 23, 1923. He is farming near Marshallville, Ohio. To them was added:

1—David Clyde, Mar. 23, 1923, Seventh Generation.

VI—An infant son was born Feb. 1, 1893, and died three days before mother.

**G—Mary Ann Welty Steiner, Fifth Generation, 1863-1908.**

Mary Ann's pilgrimage began in Putnam Co., Ohio, near Bluffton, June 22, 1863. Here she obtained a common school education. As a young woman she received Christian baptism and reception into the St. John's Mennonite Church. She entered matrimony with J. S. Steiner, Dec. 28, 1886, at Bluffton, Ohio. She departed this life Mar. 25, 1908. To them were born at Orrville, Ohio:

**I—Alma Steiner, Niesz, Sixth Generation, Detroit, Mich.**

Alma entered the path of life Feb. 23, 1888. She graduated from the Orrville high school in 1905. Then she taught school for two years at Orrville. Then practical nursing for six years in Detroit, Mich. Now she is in the real estate business and housekeeping. She was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church, at Dalton, Ohio, in 1903. Later she transferred her membership to the Presbyterian Church at Redford, Ohio. She was married to J. E. Niesz, Oct. 30, 1912, in Detroit, Mich. He was born at Canton, Ohio. He is Mgr. of the Tent and Awning Co., Detroit.

**II—Elam Steiner, Sixth Generation, Orrville, Ohio, Clerical Work.**

Elam was born Apr. 9, 1889. He graduated from the Orrville high school. He has served as cashier for five years in the Orrville National Bank, and as cost clerk at the Ohio Wood Preserving Plant for four years. He was baptized in 1904 and joined the Salem Mennonite Church near

Dalton, Ohio. Later transferred his membership to the Orrville Christ Reformed Church, where he has served as deacon for two years. He was married at Detroit, Mich., to Helen Lickheim, Nov. 19, 1914. She is a graduate from the Orrville high school and later took a short course in music at Oberlin Conservatory of Music. To their home came:

1—Virginia Helen, June 24, 1915, Seventh Generation.

2—Anna Jean, July 13, 1919, Seventh Generation.

**III—Elta Steiner, Crary, Sixth Generation, Seattle, Wash., R. Nurse.**

Elta entered the path of life, Oct. 28, 1890. She graduated from the Orrville high school, then from the Fairview Park Hospital Training School for nurses, June, 1916, Cleveland, Ohio. Then she nursed for eight years in Cleveland, Ohio; Buffalo, N. Y.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Canton, Ohio; Seattle, Wash.; and Portland, Ore. She was baptized Apr., 1903, and joined the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio. Later she transferred her membership to the Orrville Christ Reformed Church, where she served two years as church pianist. During the World War she served as Red Cross Nurse at Camp Sherman, Ohio, where she was honorably discharged. She entered matrimony with Harold Crary Jan. 1, 1924, at Dr. E M. Welty's residence, Spokane, Wash. Mr. Crary is publicity manager of Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Wash.

**IV—Clela Steiner, Klopfenstein, Sixth Generation, Orrville, Ohio.**

Clela entered the race of life, Mar. 2, 1892. She is a graduate of the Orrville high school. Then she clerked in a dry goods store for two years She was baptized on Easter Sunday in 1907, and received into Christ Reformed Church in Orrville. Here she served for four years as assistant Supt. of the Primary Dept. She wedded Earl Klopfenstein at Orrville, Ohio, Apr. 16, 1913, where he is employed at the Sanderson Cyclone Drill Company.

**V—Verna Steiner, Pierson, Sixth Generation, Detroit, Mich.**

Verna came to this world, Sept. 1, 1894. She graduated from the Orrville high school in 1913, and later took a business course in Detroit, Mich. She has been doing office work in the Travelers' Ins. Co., of Detroit, Mich., for eight years. She was baptized and received into Christ Reformed Church in Orrville, in 1909. She entered married life with A. L. Pierson of Detroit, Mich., Apr. 30, 1924. He was born in Hartford, Conn., where he was with the Travelers' Ins. Co. He was transferred to Detroit, Michigan, eight years ago.

**VI—Lulu Steiner, Hershey, Sixth Generation, Orrville, Ohio.**

Lulu was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 3, 1905. She is a graduate from the Orrville high school. She was telephone operator in Orrville for one year. She was baptized and received into Christ Reformed Church in Orrville in 1919. She married Merle V. Hershey of Orrville, Ohio, July 14, 1925, Rev. A. L. Scherry officiating.

**VII—Glenn D. Steiner, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Orrville, Ohio.**

Glenn began his earthly career Sept. 10, 1900. He graduated from the common school, and Canton Actual Business College in 1922. For two years he was cost clerk for the Sanderson Cyclone Drill Co., Orrville, Ohio. At present he is farming. He was baptized in 1914 and joined the Christ Reformed Church in Orrville. He married Ruie W. Kelter of Canal Fulton, Stark Co., Ohio, Apr. 3 1924. To them is born:

1—Neal Jay, Jan. 5, 1925, Seventh Generation.

**H—Isaac Welty, Fifth Generation.**

Isaac came into this world as a frail flower Sept. 9, 1864, and passed away the 29th.

**I—Barbara Welty, Steiner, Fifth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.**

Barbara was born in Richland Tp., Allen Co., Ohio, near Bluffton, Jan. 15, 1866. Later she moved with her parents to Putnam Co., Riley Tp. Here she attended the Dist. school. She devoted herself to domestic duties incident to farm life. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, when a young woman. Later she changed her membership to the Missionary Church at Pandora, Ohio. For some years she has served as S. S. teacher. She was married to D. C. Steiner, Mar. 10, 1887, at the home of her parents. He was born one mile east of Pandora, Sept. 16, 1860. He obtained a good education at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio. He taught school for five years, after which he took up farming three miles east of Pandora, pursuing it to his end. He was a highly respected citizen. He lived a consistent Christian life. He possessed fine leadership qualifications which he applied in a pleasing manner. He took a deep interest in the S. S. work, serving as a teacher for many years, and was prominent in general church work. He advocated high religious and social ideals. He departed this life Jan. 24, 1921. To this union were born in Riley Tp., where all went to school:

**I—Elma Steiner, Niswander, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Elma appeared on the arena of life Oct. 28, 1888. After finishing district school she entered high school, graduating at Pandora, in 1907. Then

she was a student in Bluffton College, Ohio, then she taught school four years with commendable success, three years the home school, and one year in Riley Tp. In 1905 she was baptized and admitted into the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, Ohio. Here she served as S. S. teacher, and secretary of the Y. P. meetings. On Oct. 26, 1913, she was married to Waldo M. Niswander at her parents' home. He was born Nov. 15, 1887. He is a veterinary in Bluffton, Ohio. He graduated from the O. S. University. To their domicile came:

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1—Eleanor Ruth, Aug. 3, 1914.
2—Barbara Lucile, Sept. 19, 1916.
3—Esther Irene, Aug. 14, 1920.
4—Margery Alice, Jan. 15, 1925.

II—Lennis G. Steiner, Sixth Generation, Auto Repairer, Pandora, Ohio.

Lennis G. commenced his life July 8, 1890. After finishing district school he attended Pandora high school one year, and one year Bluffton College. Then he engaged in repair work in a Pandora garage, having now continued for over 13 years. In 1909 he received baptism and reception into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio. On June 21, 1914, he entered matrimony with Huldah Schumacher at her home, Daniel Schumacher's. She was born July 6, 1890. She obtained a high school education and then taught school for a few years. To their home were welcomed:

Seventh Generation

1—Anna Ruth, June 12, 1916.
2—Lois Christine, Apr. 24, 1919.
3—Alice Jean, Sept. 25, 1921.

III—Huldah Steiner, Sixth Generation.

Huldah was born Sept. 13, 1892, and was plucked for Heaven Aug. 12, 1894.

IV—Homer Steiner, Sixth Generation.

Homer was born Mar. 13, 1894, and transplanted to Heaven May 11, 1895.

V—Frances Steiner, Sixth Generation.

Frances was born Sept. 23, 1896, and departed Oct. 23, 1896.

VI—Elvina Steiner, Sixth Generation, Teacher, Pandora, Ohio.

Elvina began her terrestrial journey Jan. 3, 1898. After completing district school she entered high school in Pandora, where she graduated.

In 1922 she graduated from Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, with an A. B. degree. She is now a teacher in high school at Canal Fulton, Ohio. She received baptism and admission as member into the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, in 1914. She is also a teacher in the S. S. Before her lies a fine future.

VII—Susan Steiner, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Susan began the race of life July 7, 1900. She completed common and high school and then entered Bluffton College, where she graduated in 1922 with an A. B. degree. She stays at home engaging in domestic work. She was baptized and received into the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, Ohio, in 1916. Here she has served as S. S. teacher and as superintendent of the C. E. Thus she applies her time and talent for the good of mankind.

VIII—Edith Steiner, Sixth Generation, Teacher, Pandora, Ohio.

Edith began her earthly race Sept. 25, 1902. She attended district school and graduated from the Pandora high school, and attended Bluffton College for three years. She is now a teacher in the Junior H. S. near Bucyrus, Ohio, doing good work. She received baptism and reception into the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, Ohio. She is talented in singing, and has been a teacher in the S. S.

IX—Grace Steiner, Sixth Generation, Student, Pandora, Ohio.

Grace entered this life July 2, 1904. She finished district school and graduated from Pandora high school in 1922. She is now in her third year in Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. She has taught country school one year. She was baptized and admitted to membership in the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, Ohio, in 1918. For some years she has been a S. S. teacher, and has held offices in the C. E. and Missionary Societies.

X—Wilma Steiner, Sixth Generation, Teacher, Pandora, Ohio.

Wilma entered this life July 5, 1906. She completed district school and graduated from Pandora high school in 1924. After that she attended State Normal College, Bowling Green, Ohio. At present (1925) she teaches a public school near Attica, Ohio. She was baptized and joined the Grace Mennonite Church in Pandora, in 1919. She has been a S. S. teacher, and president of the Girls' Missionary Society.

XI—Marguerite Steiner, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Marguerite began her course of life Mar. 9, 1910. Now (1925) she is a sophomore in the Pandora high school. She received baptism and

reception into the Missionary Church at Pandora in 1924. She has been serving the church and S. S. as pianist.

J—Rosetta Welty, Basinger, Fifth Generation.

Rosetta was initiated to this life near Bluffton, Ohio, Mar. 24, 1867, and educated in Riley Tp. school, in Putnam Co. By baptism she was admitted to membership in the Mennonite Church here in 1885, and has lived a loyal Christian life since. On Oct. 28, 1886, she married Christian J. Basinger. For 17 years they lived with his parents, doing the farming. In 1903 they sold this farm and bought her parents' farm in Allen Co., Ohio. They have lived here since, and took care of her parents 12 years, until their demise. They made a journey over the western states, and to the World's Fair, at Seattle, Wash. Time and place of his birth not given. To them were born in Putnam Co.:

I—Dr. Harvey Raymond Basinger, Sixth Generation, Mt. Lake, Minn.



DR. HARVEY R. BASINGER

Dr. Harvey R. began life Aug. 24, 1887. Besides finishing common school he graduated from Columbus Grove H. S. Then he attended

Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio, then Ohio State University, where, in 1911, he obtained his A. B. degree. Then the University of Chicago, where he obtained, in 1915, his Ph. D. degree. In 1916 he attended Rush Medical College. He has now (1925) practiced medicine eight years, first at Spokane, Wash., U. S. Army, but is now physician and surgeon at Mountain Lake, Minn. He was baptized and admitted into the St. John's Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, in 1903, and for six years taught a S. S. class. In the World War he was in training in Camp Shelby, ranked as captain in the Medical Corps. He was not overseas. Received his discharge at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., Aug., 1919. In 1915 he married Marie Balzer of Chicago, Ill. She is a music teacher and graduate nurse. Time and place of her birth not given.



BASINGER BROS., Clinic Force

Left to right—Dr. Elmer S. Schutz, Miss Marie Emis, Miss Susan Falk, Bud Badger, Druggist; Mrs. Harvey R. Basinger, Dr. Homer P. Basinger, Dr. Harvey R. Basinger.

**II—Lloyd Addison Basinger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.**

Lloyd A. was born Sept. 15, 1889. He received his schooling in Riley Tp. Later he took a business course in Lima Business College. He was baptized in the Pentecostal Church in Toledo, Ohio, and united there. For his health he traveled to Arizona, New Mexico and other western states. He married Christina Lichty of Lima, Sept., 1923. Time and place of her birth not given. Previous to marriage she worked in the Glove Factory, likely at Pandora.



### III—Clyde Milton Basinger, Sixth Generation, 1891-1916.

Clyde M. was born Nov. 24, 1891, and schooled in Riley Tp. He grew to manhood, then died Apr. 20, 1916.

### IV.—Dr. Homer P. Basinger, Sixth Generation, Windom, Minn.



DR. HOMER P. BASINGER

Dr. Homer P. entered life's activities at Columbus Grove, Ohio, Nov. 28, 1894. After gradnating from Riley Tp. high school, he entered and graduated from Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, next from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., with a B. S. degree, and lastly from the University of Chicago, Ill., with an M. D. degree. Previously he tanght school as a means to obtain money to pursue his studies for the medical rather than the teaching profession. He is now a physician and surgeon in Windom, Minn., achieving commendable success. By baptism he was received into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1906. In the World War he entered the military service at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, as a private in the Signal Service Branch. He was overseas 13 months, serving in the front six weeks in the battles of Argonne and Vosgas without being hurt. He was discharged July 18, 1919. He joined hands in marriage with Marion V. Kiess, July 11, 1922, at Williamsport, Pa. She was a student at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., then a stenographer and business correspondent in Chicago, Ill. Here they met each other. To their home in Windom, Minn., arrived:

1—Robert Roy, Nov. 7, 1924, Seventh Generation.

### V—Rhoda Estelle Basinger (Mrs. Dr. Schutz), Sixth Generation, Chicago, Illinois.

Rhoda E. came into being Feb. 16, 1897, near Columbus Grove, Ohio She gradnated from the Riley Tp. high school in 1914. In Sept., 1914, she took up a year of Normal Work in Bluffton College, and later also Liberal Arts and piano music. Then she tanght school for two years in Riley Tp. near Pandora, Ohio. By baptism she was received into the St. John's Mennonite Church April 5, 1922, where she taught a class of girls for several years. On Sept. 25, 1919, she was united in marriage with Dr. Ehmer Scenas Schutz at her parents' home. (For his history see

Book II, Sec. VI, Chap. III, Item IV.) To their home in Chicago, Ill., arrived:

1—Alice J., Jan. 13, 1921, Seventh Generation.

**VI—Lester Richard Basinger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.**

Lester R. was born near Columbus Grove, Ohio, Mar. 4, 1901. He has a township high school education. He is at home engaged in farming, and is yet single.

**VII—Vera Grace Basinger, Sixth Generation, Teacher, Pandora, Ohio.**

Vera G. entered her earthly career near Columbus Grove, Ohio, Apr. 20, 1904. She used her school opportunities and developed into a school teacher. As a young woman she, by baptism, obtained membership in the Mennonite Church.

**K—Lavina Welty, Steiner, Fifth Generation, Colorado.**

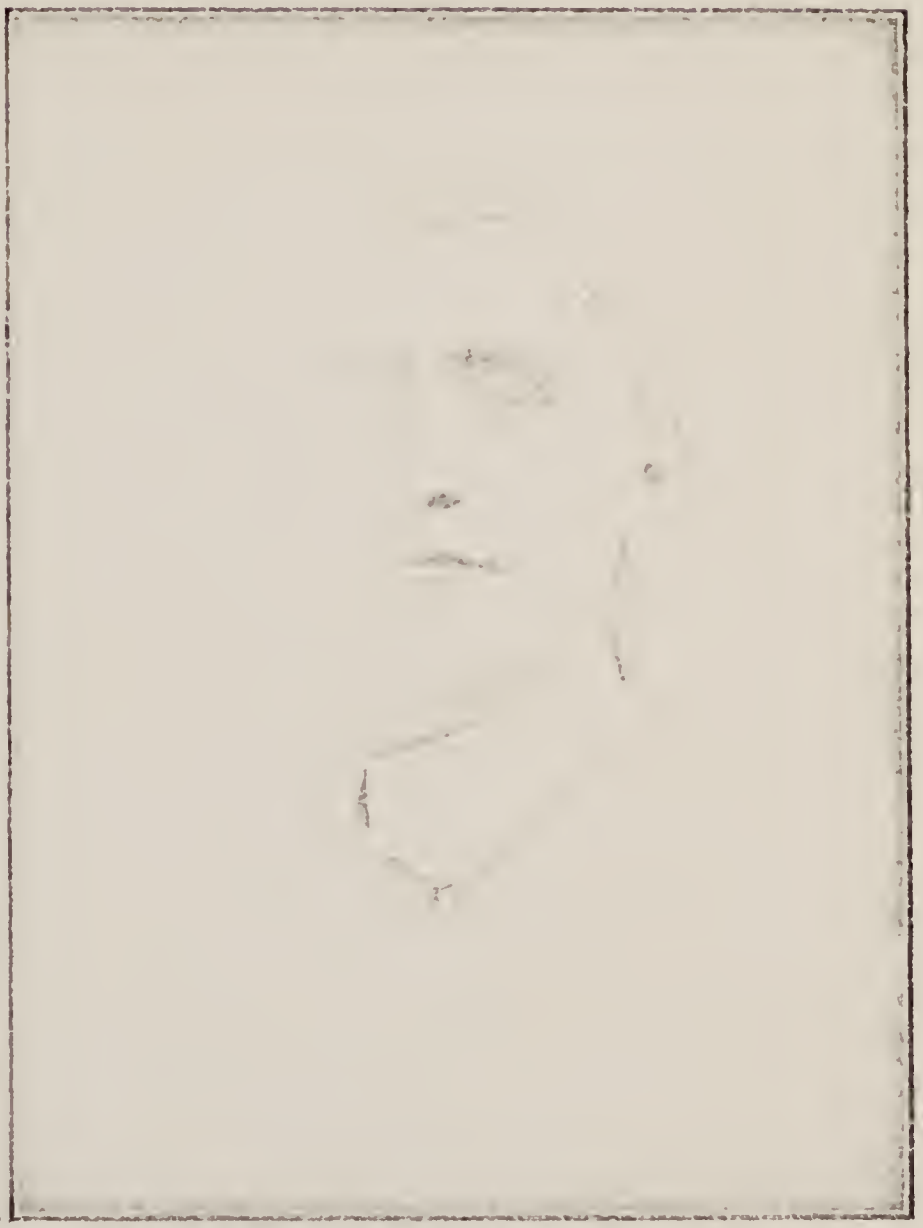
Lavina was born Jan. 23, 1869, near Bluffton, Ohio. She received a rural school education. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1887. She has lived a quiet Christian life. She was married to Daniel W. Steiner in 1893. He also in early manhood became a member by baptism of the Mennonite Church. No other word could be obtained from her family except the birth of her two children, namely:

I—Lester M. Steiner, born Dec. 1, 1894, Sixth Generation.

II—Ilma V. Steiner, born March 24, 1898, Sixth Generation.

**L—Hon. Benjamin F. Welty, Fifth Generation, Attorney, Lima, Ohio.**

Benjamin F. was born near Bluffton, Ohio, Aug. 9, 1879. He attended the public school near his home, and later attended the Tri-State Normal College at Angola, Ind. Then he taught school for a while. After this he entered Ohio Northern University, at Ada, O., where he graduated in 1894. Then he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he studied law and graduated in 1896. He opened a law office in Lima, Ohio, with Mr. Huber, the firm being "Huber and Welty". Later this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Welty continued in practice with Mr. Downing under the firm name, "Welty and Downing". Benjamin was elected city collector of Bluffton, Ohio, in 1897, and served as such for 16 years. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Allen Co., Ohio, in 1905, and served two terms with marked ability. Among cases prosecuted were, the Bridge and Plumbers' Trusts, brought action against banks, requiring them to pay interest on public funds. During 1911-13 he served as special counsel



HON. BENJAMIN F. WELTY



under the Attorney-General of Ohio; and from 1913-15 he was special assistant attorney in the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C. During this time he was in charge of the prosecution of the Plumbers' Trust of the U. S. He refused an offer as U. S. Dist. Attorney for Alaska, secured 76 convictions in Iowa, Utah and Pennsylvania.

Politically Benj. was always a staunch Democrat. He was born and reared in this political faith, and strictly adhered to the principles of his party. He was elected to the 65th and 66th Congress of the U. S., as a member of the House of Representatives. In 1920 he was defeated for a third term, there being then a general landslide to the Republican candidates. He, however, ran ahead of his ticket in the district by about 8,000 votes. While in Congress he was the author of a bill providing for the appointment of Federal Judges for a term of years, instead of life, believing, as he says, "that life tenure is a species of European Autocracy". He was also greatly interested, while in Congress, in the Immigration Bill, a measure intended to avoid complications with Japan. He, too, gave a great deal of time and attention to the matter of transportation, and was the author of a bill providing for the rebuilding of a waterway, connecting the Ohio River with the Great Lakes. During the last two years he made a statewide campaign to reduce freight rates in Ohio. His district (Congressional) nominated him again, Aug. 10, 1926, for Congress as Democratic candidate, but he was defeated in the election on Nov. 2d, by a small margin.

When the Spanish-American War was declared he enlisted as a private in Co. C., Second Reg. Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was made Commissary of the Second Infantry, Ohio National Guard, with the rank of Captain, and was later appointed Lieut. Col. of the Subsistence Department in 1908, and served in that capacity until 1913, when, at his own request, he was placed on the retired list.

Benjamin was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Gottschalk of Berne, Indiana, Sept 28, 1903, where she was born, reared and educated and espoused the Christian Religion, uniting with the Evangelical Association. They are both members of the Market Street Presbyterian Church of Lima, Ohio, where they are identified with a number of religious and philanthropic organizations which are working for the betterment of mankind. To this union was born one daughter, namely:

**I—Jeanne Gottschalk Welty, Sixth Generation.**

Jeanne G. entered the pathway of life in Lima, Ohio, March 6, 1913. She was baptized when a young child in her grandparents' home in Berne,

Ind., by Rev. S. H. Baumgartner. She is now attending the Lima public schools, and is an attendant of the church of her parents.

M—Noah J. Welty, Fifth Generation, R. R. Operator, Reno, Nev.

Noah J. began life's career near Bluffton, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1871. When through the public school he attended the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. Then he learned the business of a R. R. operator at which he has now labored for 28 years, mostly under the Harriman System. He has visited every state in the U. S. except two, thus increased his knowledge by observation. He was baptized and admitted into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1895. He united in marriage with Clara Lugibill of Bluffton, Ohio, Apr. 7, 1905. They live at Reno, Nev.

N—Dr. Emil M. Welty, Fifth Generation, Spokane, Wash.



DR. EMIL M. WELTY

Dr. Emil M. began this life near Bluffton, Ohio, March 16, 1874, where he attended public school. In 1892 he attended Lima Business College, then Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, where he graduated in 1899,



and in the Medico Chirurgical College as M. D. in 1903. In 1891-2 he taught school in Ohio and in 1895-8 in Ark. He has practiced medicine and surgery for 22 years to date (1925). In Philadelphia, Pa., from 1903-11, where he also taught surgery from 1905-11. In Spokane, Washington, from 1911-25, and also taught surgery. For further education in his profession, he went abroad, visited hospitals in Paris, France; Berlin, Germany; Bern, Switzerland, and other places. This opportunity he greatly valued, and has since risen to prominence in his profession. He has a number of scholastic degrees, but were not given. When 14 years old he was baptized and joined the St. John's Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio. From 1905-08 he taught a S. S. class at the Cookman M. E. Church in Philadelphia. He was united in marriage with Lillie Isabelle Ford of Germantown, Pa., in 1909. She graduated from the Philadelphia Normal School with honors and taught in the public schools in this city. To them were born in Spokane, Washington:

I—Isabelle Ainsworth, June 20, 1912, Sixth Generation.

II—Robert Ford, Oct. 5, 1914, Sixth Generation.

III—Catharine Pennell, Sept. 15, 1918, Sixth Generation.

O—Jacob C. Welty, Fifth Generation, Madison, Wis., Branch Mgr.



JACOB C. WELTY



MRS. JACOB C. WELTY

Jacob C. was initiated into this life in Putnam Co., Ohio, near Bluffton, Sept. 27, 1875. He finished the country school. Then he entered the commercial field, having been thus engaged in Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin, for 25 years. He is now branch Mgr. of the New Idea Spreader Co. In 1903 he engaged in the retail implement business. In 1909 he started as a commercial traveler which line he followed since. He has been with the afore named company for 14 years, and for the last 10 years he has had



charge of a branch as branch manager, seven years at Jackson, Mich., and three years at Madison, Wis. Previous to branch manager he traveled mostly in Ohio. He was resident in the following places: Bluffton, Columbus, and Marion, Ohio: Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Spokane, Wash.; Jackson, Mich., and Madison, Wis. In 1900 he made a trip to Europe for pleasure and education. He was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church, two miles east of Pandora, Ohio, in 1891. He served his church in the following official capacities, namely, as deacon, elder, S. S. Supt., teacher. He united with the Reformed Church at Bluffton, Ohio, in 1903; then the Presbyterian Church at Jackson, Mich., in 1917, in which church he still holds his membership. He was married the first time to Mary Gilliam in Dec., 1897, who died in Nov., 1898. To them was born:



PROF. M. LUCILE WELTY

**I—M. Lucile Welty, Sixth Generation, Teacher, Madison, Wis.**

M. Lucile was born in Bluffton, Ohio, Nov., 1898. She graduated from high school, and also at Ann Arbor, Mich. She is following the teaching profession and with it is taking her Master's degree work at Wisconsin University this year, 1925, and next, 1926. No church affiliation is given, but likely belongs to her father's church. She now has her Master's degree.

Jacob married a second time, namely, to Carrie Romey Lugibill, Sept., 1902. To this union was born:

II—Jerome Romey, Mar., 1906, and died at the age of 10 days.

**P—Albert B. Welty, Fifth Generation, Mechanical Engineer, Chicago, Ill.**

Albert began his trials of life near Bluffton, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1876. He graduated from the Riley Tp. high school, and Pandora high school, Tri-State College, Angola, Ind., in 1902, with a B. S. degree; Ohio State University in Industrial Arts, 1906, with a B. S. degree. Since then he has been in the mechanical engineering business in the J. I. Case Co., Racine, Wis.; and now in the Industrial Harvester Co., Chicago, Ill. He was baptized in 1900, and joined the M. E. Church at Angola, Ind. He is now a member of the official board in an M. E. Church in Chicago, Ill. He has traveled in nearly every state of the U. S. and in Canada in the interest of the company he serves. Not wishing to travel the pathway of life alone,

he entered matrimonial life with Mabel A. McCrory at Angola, Ind., Sept 4, 1906. She was born Oct. 11, 1880, at Angola. Here in the Tri-State College she studied music. She also is a member of the M. E. Church. He was assistant director of the Department of Industrial Arts in the Ohio State University in 1905-06. To their home at Racine, Wis., came:

I—Albert Welty., Jr., Nov. 25, 1912, Sixth Generation.

II—Alice Kath. Welty, May 5, 1916, Sixth Generation.

### Q—Sarah Welty, Clement, Fifth Generation, Portland, Ore.

Sarah, the baby of the family of 17 children, was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, near Bluffton, March 11, 1878. After completing the public schools she attended for a while the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. Then she followed dressmaking for some years in Spokane, Washington, and Portland, Ore. At the latter place she is now living, engaged in housekeeping. She was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1891. She has traveled quite extensively as far south as Old Mexico, and as far north as Alaska. She was married June 13, 1922, to Chas. I. Clement, at Redwood, Calif. He was born in New Castle Co., Del., on the old Clement farm known as such for four generations. He is a salesman, selling safes and vaults. He was raised a Methodist. In 1903 she became a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Laramie, Wyoming.

## CHAPTER VII.

### Elizabeth Welty, Sutter, Fourth Generation, 1833-1913.

Elizabeth was born in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmenthal, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Aug. 14, 1833. Here she grew to womanhood under wholesome Christian influence, when she was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in Switzerland. In 1855, with her parents, she came to America, and settled near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio. She possessed a humble spirit and genial disposition, somewhat retiring in social life, which was characteristic of the three Welty sisters. She lived a quiet and commendable Christian life, having the confidence and respect of the community folks. On Jan. 17, 1858, she married Johannes Sutter in the new Mennonite Church, the first couple married in it. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 17, 1835, son of Christian, a native of Switzerland. His mother's name was Kath. Berner. He had a common school education.

He was a loyal son of America and of the church of his choice. He was both a farmer and saw-miller for 40 years in Putnam Co., until he retired from work and moved to Pandora, Ohio. He belonged to a class of sturdy, thrifty and progressive farmers. They experienced many of the hardships incident to pioneer life. He bought raw land, cleared it, and for some time lived in a log cabin. The first year of married life they had but one pound of sugar for use, but nevertheless kept sweet and lived in happiness. Other necessities to maintain physical life and strength to work were limited. Gradually the timber was cleared away and the soil was made tillable, and brought substantial harvests, and his family enjoyed the comforts of life. Pioneer life must be seen and the pangs of it personally felt, to fully appreciate what pioneer life was in its manifold vicissitudes and deprivations.

Politically he was a Democrat, giving his party loyal support. When the Civil War broke out he was drafted for army service, Oct. 2, 1862. But as the Mennonites took a defenseless attitude on war matters he obtained a release, by getting a substitute, a privilege the Government granted under certain condition. On Jan., 1908, they with their children and grandchildren, celebrated their golden wedding in Pandora, Ohio. In 1911 they moved in with their son, Dr. J. J. Sutter, in Bluffton, Ohio, where they remained until their death. He departed this life Dec. 7; 1912, and she on Sept. 6, 1913. Their bodies were laid to rest in the Maple Grove Cemetery at Bluffton, Ohio. Their home was blessed with the following children, all born near Pandora, Ohio:

A—Christian Sutter, Fifth Generation, 1858-94, Farmer.

Christian C. was born Oct. 25, 1858. He was baptized in 1874 and joined the Mennonite Church. Aside from common school he attended Ada College for a while. He was a farmer. He united in marriage with Katie Suter, in 1884, daughter of Abraham Suter. She was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, in 1862, and by baptism initiated into the Mennonite Church in 1878. He died at his father's home June 11, 1894. To them were born near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio:

I—Jesse C. Sutter, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio, Farmer.

Jesse C. entered his pathway Dec. 8, 1885. He attended the Mulberry school in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., obtaining an ordinary education. He married Florence Basinger Sept. 26, 1916. They belong to no church. He is a farmer. They live at Columbus Grove, Ohio. To them was born:

1—Lisle Dean, Nov. 28, 1918, Seventh Generation.

II—Edwin Sutter, Sixth Generation, Detroit, Mich., Clothier.

Edwin began his earthly career Apr. 23, 1890. Aside from country school he attended Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. He was first married to Miss Porish of Lima, Ohio. One son was born to them in 1914. After this they separated. He was married a second time to ———————— in Detroit, Mich., where he now lives. He has been a clothing merchant ever since he is of age. Nothing more reported about him.

B—Daniel Sutter, Fifth Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Blacksmith.

Daniel was initiated to this life June 8, 1860. He obtained his education in Riley Tp. district school. When a young man he learned the blacksmith trade which he has followed for 40 years in Pandora, Ohio. He was baptized and joined the Reformed Church in early life. Later he united with the M. E. Church in Pandora. He married Louise E. Schutz in 1886 in Indiana. She was born July 18, 1865, in Neuchatel, Switzerland. Her father's Christian name was Jacob, and mother's Anna Gruber. She received her education in French schools, and English after she came to America. She received infant baptism in 1866 in the Reformed Church. Later with her husband she united with the M. E. Church in Pandora. To them were born in Pandora, Ohio:

I—Dr. Homer A. Sutter, Sixth Generation, Newport, Ky.

Dr. Homer A. received a welcome to this world in Indiana, Apr. 15, 1887. After completing common schools, he had two years of study in the Pandora high school. Then he entered Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, where he graduated in 1907. Then he entered the Eclectic Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated here in 1911 as an M. D. Then he began to practice medicine at Roundhead, Ohio, then Newport, Ky. He has achieved considerable success in his profession. During the World War he rendered service to the Government taking his training in Camp Greenleaf, Ga., where he was promoted to first lieutenant in the Medical Branch, and where he was discharged, likely in 1918. He was not overseas. He received baptism and reception into the M. E. Church at Pandora, Ohio, 1908. He married Clara Beyer of Newport, Ky., in 1910. To their home have come:

1—Clarence, Jan. 14, 1911, in Newport, Ky., Seventh Generation.

2—Mildred, Jan. 27, 1913, at Roundhead, Ohio.

II—Lydia Sutter, Cook, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Lydia arrived in this world Apr. 4, 1889. After finishing graded school, she entered Pandora high school, and graduated in 1907. Then she did

clerical work for one year, followed by four years of teaching in Pandora. Here she received baptism and church membership in the M. E. Church in 1902. She served as S. S. teacher, president of the Epworth League, and as superintendent of the Primary and Cradle Roll Depts., for four years. This evidenced efficiency in church work and the confidence the church reposed in her ability. May 19, 1912, she married Roy M. Cook of Pandora, Ohio. He was born Nov. 4, 1888, Dupont, Ohio. Finishing common school he entered Columbus Grove H. S. and graduated in 1906. Then for five years he taught school, then he was a baker for three years, and mail carrier for 11 years, and is now also business manager of the mail service in this place. He was baptized and united with the U. B. Church of Columbus Grove in 1900, where he served as S. S. Supt., teacher, and church trustee. To their family came:

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1—Louise Marie, Oct. 16, 1913.
2—Roy M., Jr., Jan. 1, 1916.
3—Robert M., Aug. 30, 1918.
4—Daniel Weily, May 2, 1921.
5—Justine May, Aug. 8, 1923.

III—Cecile Sutter, Harkness, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Cecile began life June 20, 1895. She graduated from the Pandora high school in 1914. She is a member of the M. E. Church, where she was baptized. Feb. 27, 1917, married Lester Harkness at Pandora, Ohio. He is a native of Hancock Co., Ohio, born Oct. 25, 1892. He graduated from the Pandora high school in 1911. He is now county deputy treasurer. He is a member of her church, where he has served as S. S. Supt., teacher and president of the E. L. To them was born:

I—Daniel Jean, July 7, 1917, Seventh Generation.

C—Maria Sutter, Fifth Generation.

Maria was born Mar. 31, 1862, and as a flower passed away Oct. 5, 1867.

D—Abraham L. Sutter, Fifth Generation, Merchant, Pandora, Ohio.

Abraham L. was born near Pandora, Ohio, July 2, 1864. His education was obtained in the home country school. After he was of age he first followed farming and carpenter work. Later he became postmaster at Pandora, four years. Here in 1891, he entered the hardware business, and has so continued to date, doing a voluminous business. He was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church in Pandora in 1886. He has been a trustee and the treasurer in the church for 10 years. He is appreciated for

his integrity and Christian character. He has traveled in Ohio and Indiana and other places. As life companion he chose Elizabeth Diller of Pandora, Ohio, and married her, Nov. 27, 1890. She is the oldest daughter of John D. Diller, born Nov. 19, 1870, and as a young woman joined the St. John's Mennonite Church. For some years she was sorely afflicted with paralysis. To them were born in Pandora, Ohio:

**I—Elmer Sutter, Sixth Generation, Genoa, Ohio.**

Elmer was born July 29, 1892. He went through the public school. Then he became a day laborer. He married Beatrice Lenora Blodgett at Gilboa, Ohio, Dec. 22, 1917. She was born Dec. 8, 1899, at Ottawa, Ohio. To them were born at Ottawa, Ohio:

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1—Jane E., Feb. 3, 1918.
2—Wayne E., Sept. 24, 1919.
3—Robert G., Aug. 21, 1922.
4—Charlotte M., Apr. 11, 1924

**II—Leonard Sutter, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Clerk.**

Leonard was born Mar. 29, 1894. He graduated from the Pandora high school, and from the Ottawa Business College in 1914. He is now clerking in Pandora, Ohio. He was baptized and received into the Grace Mennonite Church when 19 years old. He now attends the M. E. Church at Gilboa, Ohio. In the World War he was in training in Camp Sherman, Ohio, private in Q. M. C. service, and was here discharged Apr., 1919. He made a trip to Washington, D. C., and other places. He married Gladys Lavera Baker of Gilboa, Ohio, in 1918. They are the parents of:

1—Catharine Louise, Dec. 28, 1918, Seventh Generation, Gilboa, Ohio.
2—Harold Eugene, Jan. 5, 1923, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

**III—Edna Sutter, Keller, Sixth Generation, Bellefontaine, Ohio.**

Edna was born June 1, 1896. She graduated from the Pandora high school in 1915. She was baptized and received into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora in 1913. She married Ambrose Keller Mar. 4, 1916, at Beaverdam, Ohio. They now live in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He was born Sept. 6, 1890, at Beaverdam. He farmed until 1919, when they moved to Lima, Ohio. He is now foreman of the Ohio Electric Interurban Car Line. To them are born:

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1—Albert Eugene, Jan. 27, 1917.
2—Leonard Harold, Apr. 25, 1918.
3—Virginia Belle, Nov. 10, 1919.
4—Beatrice Irene, Nov. 17, 1921.
5—Betty Jane, Dec. 15, 1923.

IV—Amos Sutter, Sixth Generation, Laborer, Genoa, Ohio.

Amos was born Feb. 16, 1898. He works in Genoa, Ohio, for a Lime Quarry Co. He is single.

V—Fanny L. Sutter, Sixth Generation, born Jan. 17, 1900, died five days later.

VI—Reull Sutter, Sixth Generation, born Feb. 1, 1901. Works on a farm.

VII—Mary Sutter, Howenstein, Sixth Generation, Ada, Ohio.

Mary was born Sept. 24, 1903. She has graded school education. She married Clyde Howenstein Oct. 11, 1924. They live in Ada, Ohio. To them is born:

1—Wm. Gerold, Apr. 1, 1925, Seventh Generation.

VIII—Clark Sutter, Sixth Generation, June 17, 1906 He is farming.

IX—Jeannette Sutter, Sixth Generation, July 14, 1909. In high school, third year.

X—Naomi Sutter, born Jan. 9, 1912, died two days later.

XI—Albert Abe Sutter, June 9, 1913. He is now in school.

E—Lydia Sutter, Eberle, Fifth Generation.

Lydia was born near Pandora, Ohio, Aug. 22, 1866. She has a common school education. She is a housekeeper. She received Christian baptism and admission to the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1886. On Feb. 15, 1891, she married F. H. Eberle at Moundridge, Kans. He was a merchant in this state until his death, Oct. 7, 1909. She has lived in Moundridge, Kans.; Ohio, Oklahoma, and in 1911 she went with some of her children to Aransas Pass, Texas. The following are their children:

I—Milton Eberle, Sixth Generation, Railroader, Aransas Pass, Tex.

Milton was initiated to this life in Moundridge, Kans., Nov. 4, 1891. Finishing public school he entered the high school at Kingfisher, Okla. Then he took a business course in Bethel Commercial College in Newton, Kans., graduating in 1911. He is now in the employ of the R. R. Company with headquarters at Aransas Pass, Texas. He was baptized in the Presbyterian Church in Kingfisher, Okla., Feb. 25, 1906.

II—Harry Grover Eberle, Sixth Generation, Marine Engineer.

Harry G. entered this life at Moundridge, Kans., Feb. 7, 1894. He finished public school in Kingfisher, Okla., and the "School of Marine Engin-

eering, No. 12", at South Street, N. Y. City. He has been engaged in steam engineering for 12 years in Europe, South America, and now in Mexico. As a World War veteran he was in training at Naval Camp, Norfolk, Va., ranking as First Class Engineman in the U. S. Navy. He was overseas six months. Whether he was in the fighting line he did not state. He was discharged May 12, 1919, at Boston, Mass. As Marine Engineer he made voyages to Central America, West Indies, Europe, and South America. He has engineer's license for ocean going vessels, and gross tons on the waters of the ocean, which means license for an engineer officer on the largest ship in the American Merchant Marine. He married Estella Munger, Sept. 15, 1912, at Aransas Pass, Tex. They have adopted a boy named Joe Eberle, now 14 years old. This evidences an unselfish spirit.

**III—Vera Elizabeth Eberle, Vickers, Sixth Generation, Stinton, Tex.**

Vera E. entered the family circle at Moundridge, Kans., Oct. 23, 1895. She attended the public school at Kingfisher, Okla, and one year in Deer Creek high school, Okla. She moved with her mother to Aransas Pass, Texas, in 1911, and finished high school there, graduating May, 1913. She was highly honored by being chosen as valedictorian of the class. She also is a graduate from the Brown Business College, and followed bookkeeping four years at Aransas Pass Ice and Cold Storage Co. She was baptized in Aransas Pass Presbyterian Church, 1915, where she united and has been a S. S. teacher. Sept. 10, 1917, she married Heber Welcome Vickers at Corpus Christi, Tex. He is a member of the Baptist Church, was born in Georgetown, Tex., 1893. He is a cotton planter at Stinton, San Patricio Co., Tex., where they live. To their home came:

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1—Dean Herber, July 6, 1918.
2—Gail Elizabeth, Feb. 11, 1920.
3—Winston Lewis, Mar. 2, 1922.
4—Lawrence Calvin, June 7, 1924.

**IV—Carl Bryan Eberle, Sixth Generation, Radio Operator, Mobile, Ala.**

Carl B. was born at Pandora, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1900. He attended various public schools, and graduated from the Aransas Pass high school. Then he attended the Dodge Radio Institution at Valparaiso, Ind. Then for three years he was a radio operator on a Merchant Marine, then thus employed at Galveston, Texas, and now on the S. S. Braddock, Mobile, Ala. Gives no church relation. His voyages included Tampico, Tex.; Cuba, West Indies, Germany, England and Scotland. He married Helen

Collins, of London, England, Nov. 1, 1924, who lived on a farm in Marden, Kent, England.

### V—Elvina Eberle, Warmack, Sixth Generation, San Antonio, Tex.

Elvina E. was born at Kingfisher, Okla., Dec. 8, 1903. After completing school she entered the Aransas Pass high school, where she graduated, and also from the Business Course in telegraphy. She was baptized in the M. E. Church at Pandora, Ohio, April, 1922, and later joined the M. E. Church, in Aransas Pass, Tex., where she has been Pres. of the Epworth League, and in charge of the Jr. League for six months. She married Hoke Warmack, July 19, 1922, at San Antonio, Tex., where they live. He is a druggist. To their home came:

1—Wellne, Apr. 28, 1923, Stinton, Tex., Seventh Generation.

### VI—Junietta Eberle, Sixth Generation, Aransas Pass, Tex.

Junietta entered this life at Kingfisher, Okla., July 8, 1903. She is a graduate of the Aransas Pass high school. At this place she was baptized in 1922 and joined the Presbyterian Church. She has traveled in Oklahoma, Ohio and Illinois.

### F—Samuel S. Sutter, Fifth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Samuel S. was born near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio, July 21, 1868. He says, "I attended school in a log cabin, in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio." He went to Kansas in 1890, worked on a farm three months, and then run a hotel for one year. In 1891 he went to Glencoe, Ore., where he worked on the carpenter trade for four years. Then to Astonia, Ore., where he soon rose to foremanship for a contractor for six years. Here he also became custodian of the Astonia Savings Bank, serving five years. Then for two years he was employed on the Government Quarantine Boat, then again in a hotel and rooming house. In 1919 he went to Prosser, Wash., where he had a farm. Soon he sold it and went to Spokane, Wash., and from here back to Astonia, Ore., as day laborer. Mar. 12, 1907, he married Ida Johanna Sicklander of Astonia.

### G—Henry J. Sutter, Fifth Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Carpenter, Plasterer, and Farmer.

Henry J. entered this life at Pandora, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1871. He has a country school education. He was a carpenter and plasterer 25 years. Now he is farming. He is a respected citizen of his community. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in

1889. He lives a commendable life. He was married in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, to Caroline Schaublin, (daughter of Jacob S.), Mar. 14, 1893. She was born July 13, 1873. She joined the Mennonite Church in 1890. To their home near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio, came:

**I—Gertrude Sutter, Allyn, Sixth Generation, Nurse, 1893—1925.**

Gertrude entered the arena of life Dec. 15, 1893. She was educated in the Pandora public and high schools. Then she took a course of training for nurse work in the Bluffton Hospital, Bluffton, Ohio. Then she entered upon her professional career, continuing in it successfully 12 years in Bluffton and Kenton, Ohio. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Apr. 16, 1911. She married Clifton B. Allyn, May 7. 1923, at Detroit, Mich. He served six years in the U. S. Navy, making voyages to various parts of the world. He is a core-maker by trade. They resided in Hamilton, Ohio, where she passed away, Aug. 12, 1925. Her body was interred in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Pandora, Ohio. To them were born:

1—Clifton Mylas ———— 1923, Seventh Generation.

2—Dorthea Gertrude, June 13, 1925, Seventh Generation.

**II—Clyde Sutter, Sixth Generation, Stuccoplasterer, Pandora, Ohio.**

Clyde began his earthly activities Mar. 29, 1895. He is a graduate from the Pandora high school and the Ottawa Business College. His trade is stucco work and is now a contractor in this trade. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Mar. 23, 1923. He started on his matrimonial voyage with Garnet Chenny, Aug. 16, 1916, at Monroe, Mich. She has a graded school education. To them were born:

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1—Jewel Leotus, Feb. 15, 1917.
2—Olive Virginia, Aug. 1, 1918.
3—Garldene C., May 21, 1920.
4—Heloese Gynette, Jan. 12, 1923.

**III—Oliver Sutter, Sixth Generation, Mechanic, Fostoria, Ohio.**

Oliver began his earthly life May 25, 1896. He attended rural school. He was an auto mechanic for 10 years, in factory and garage. Now he is a buss driver jointly with his work in Fostoria, Ohio. Previously he worked in Pandora and Fremont, Ohio. He made traveling trips to New York City, Washington, D. C., and as a veteran of the World War he got over into the Rhine Valley, Germany. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, Mar, 1923. In the World War he was in training in the camp at Columbus, Ohio, and Camp Gordon.

Ga., as first class private in 107 Amer. Exp. Train. He was overseas 10 months, and served on the front 90 days, participating in the battles at St. Mihiel, Muse and Argonne without being hurt. He was discharged at Camp Sherman, Ohio. He married Thelma Augusta Leddon, of Fostoria, Ohio, May 22, 1918. She is a college graduate and taught high school with a life certificate for the state of Ohio. They are the parents of:

1—Marjorie Lulu, Oct. 2, 1920, Seventh Generation.

**IV—Lesta Sutter, Rickly, Sixth Generation, Teacher, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Lesta was born Mar. 24, 1899. Besides public school she graduated from the Pandora high school May, 1917. Since then her work has been mainly domestic work. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 4, 1915. On Nov. 24, 1920, she married Irvin B. Rickly of Bluffton, Ohio, at Findlay, Ohio. He is a high school graduate and also attended the State University at Columbus, Ohio, and the State Normal College at Bowling Green, Ohio, and the Bluffton College. He is now a public school teacher in Bluffton, Ohio:

**V—Ralph W. Sutter, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.**

Ralph W. began the tour of life, Apr. 6, 1901. He graduated from the Riley Tp. graded school, the Pandora high school, and attended Bluffton College, Ohio, and the State Normal College at Bowling Green, Ohio. He taught school for three years with marked success. He presided at the Welty Reunion Aug., 1925, and is now treasurer of this organization. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, June 9, 1918. He was united in marriage with Bessie Rickly at Rawson, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1923. She was born July 11, 1900. To them is born:

1—Leland Maynard, Sept. 16, 1926. Seventh Generation.

**VI—Mabel Sutter, Herr, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Mabel came into this life Dec. 5, 1902. She graduated in the Pandora public and high schools. Then she entered the State Normal College at Bowling Green, Ohio. Since then she has taught school for three years in Putnam Co., Ohio. She received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, June 9, 1918, and has served as S. S. teacher. She entered married life with Nelson O. Herr, of Bluffton, Ohio, July 29, 1924, at Newport, Ky. He was born Oct. 24, 1903. Besides public and high schools he attended the Toledo University, and the Bluffton College, Ohio. He is now bookkeeper at the Citizens National Bank, Bluffton, Ohio. To them was born:

1—Howard Floyd, Aug. 21, 1925, Seventh Generation.

### H—Dr. John J. Sutter, Fifth Generation, Lima, Ohio.

Dr. John J. began his earthly activities Sept. 8, 1873. Having finished public and Pandora high schools, he taught school one year. Largely by his own resources, energy and determination he fitted himself for the medical profession. He wisely improved every early advantage, utilizing well the opportunities to gain his end in view. He was a student in the Tri-State College, Angola, Ind. In 1898 he graduated from the Eclectic Med-



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ical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, as an M. D. He began practicing medicine at Middleton, Ohio, where he remained nearly one year. Having bought out in 1899 the practice of Dr. Bradshaw of Bluffton, Ohio, he removed there to take up his profession. He soon evidenced that he was a talented and able physician and surgeon, gaining the confidence of the people of Bluffton and vicinity. Being eminently successful he soon gained the recognition of his professional associates, especially in surgical work, which came more and more to the forefront. Being in demand, he established and managed a sanatorium in Bluffton in 1908.



He also specialized in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. All this brought him the confidence of the Eclectic Medical Profession of the state of Ohio, that made him secretary of the "Ohio Eclectic Medical Association", a position of honor and great opportunity. Later this association gave him the presidency thereof. He was also respectively secretary and president of the Northwestern Ohio Electic Medical Association. He is a member of the N. W. Ohio, the Ohio State, and the National Electic Association, and of the Allen Co., and State Medical Association. He was Public Health Official for five years. After giving 21 years of strenuous work in his profession, which began to undermine his physical constitution, he felt necessitated to relinquish his active practice as a physician and surgeon, and hence sold out his practice to engage in less strenuous work. He then sought and won the position of County Health Commissioner in 1920 and is now. He had already sold out his hospital to the Bluffton Community Hospital Organization.

Dr. Sutter is politically a staunch Democrat, and is a vigilant factor in local politics. He has served as president of the Board of Public Affairs for seven years, and for two terms served as mayor of Bluffton, Ohio, giving such a vigorous administration that it was keenly felt by the town folks and its vicinity. At the mayorality election he received the largest vote that was ever given to a local nominee for this office. In the summer of 1917 he volunteered his service for the Officers Medical Reserve Corps, which was accepted.

He was baptized and admitted to the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1890, where he served as S. S. teacher, president of the Young People's organization and as music director of the church. He entered matrimony with Susanna Lugibill, Oct. 10, 1899, a daughter of Abraham Lugibill and Anna Locher, at Bluffton, Ohio. She was born Nov. 26, 1879, near this place. She obtained a fair education. While he was in charge of the Bluffton Hospital she served 12 years as matron thereof. She was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1895. Their domicile was blessed with:

I—Anna Elvira Sutter, Brenfleck, Sixth Generation, Lima, Ohio.

Anna E. entered the path of life in Bluffton, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1900. Here she obtained her graded and high school education. Then she entered Bluffton College, and later the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, where she graduated with a B. S. and S. S. degree. After this she engaged in Welfare and Play Ground Work for two years at Lima, Ohio, and

Chicago, Ill. She married Elmer Paul Brenfleck at Lima, Ohio, Jan. 29, 1922. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio, in 1914, but is now a member of the M. E. Church at Lima, Ohio. She was active in the first named church, superintending the S. S. Junior department, and as teacher and pianist, and president of the Y. P. Society of that church; and is on the list of Student Volunteers for Foreign Missions, which indicates her interest in religious work. Her husband was born Jan. 22, 1899, in Bellville, Ill. He obtained his education in public school; Central high school of St. Louis, Mo., and in the University of Ill. He has been engaged in electrical field work for five years in Ohio and Illinois, which is his present work. He was baptized in the German Lutheran Church as a child in 1900. In the World War he was in training at Ft. Bliss, Ft. Sheridan, Camp Sheridan, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Camp Perry, Camp Willis and overseas in Camp DeSonge. He ranked as first lieutenant in the branch of Cal., Art., and Air. He was in France 14 months, eight months in the front, participating in the battles of Argonne and St. Mihiel and minor ones. He was slightly gassed in battle. He was discharged in 1919 from Camp Sherman. They reside in Lima, Ohio. They have one son:

1—John Sutter, Oct. 31, 1924, Seventh Generation.

**II—Carrie Sutter, Stratton, Sixth Generation, Dayton, Ohio.**

Carrie was born in Bluffton, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1902, where she graduated from the high school in 1919, and from Bluffton College in 1923, with an A. B. degree. Then she taught school for nine months at Gomer, Ohio. She received baptism and reception into the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton in 1915. She was married to Raymond A. Stratton, Jan., 1924, in Mich. He was born at Ithaca, Mich., Nov. 16, 1898. He was a graduate of the Bluffton high school in 1919. Then he engaged four years in farming. At present he is a N. C. R. student. As a child he was baptized in 1899, in the Lutheran Church and joined it in 1915, at Bluffton, Ohio. In the World War he was in training as a S. A. T. C., at Ada, Ohio. They reside in Dayton, Ohio. They have a son born in Dayton:

1—James Ray, Oct., 1924, Seventh Generation.

**III—Helen Ruth Sutter, Sixth Generation, Teacher, Lima, Ohio.**

Helen R. came into being in Bluffton, Ohio, May 19, 1905. Her school work began in Bluffton. She graduated from the Lima, Ohio, Central high school, in 1923. She was a student in the Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and Ohio Wesleyan U. at Delaware, Ohio. She is now teaching in

Lima, Ohio. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church in Bluffton, Ohio, in 1917; but on moving to Lima, she joined the M. E. Church by letter. She is superintendent of the Beginners' Dept., in S. S., in which she also has served as teacher.

### IV—Frances Jane Sutter, Sixth Generation.

Frances J. was born in Bluffton, Ohio, Mar. 28, 1908, and departed Mar. 11, 1909.

### V—Edith Virginia Sutter, Sixth Generation.

Edith V. was born in Bluffton, Ohio, July 1, 1911. She is a ninth grade scholar in the Lima public school. She was baptized and received into the M. E. Church in 1924.

VI—John J., Jr., Sutter was still-born in 1915.

### J—Joseph C. Sutter, Fifth Generation, Merchant, Moundridge, Kans.

Joseph C. was born near Pandora, Ohio, Oct. 11, 1875. He has a district school education. His business is general merchandise, which he pursued 27 years in Ohio, Oklahoma and Kansas. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1893, but he is now a member of the Evangelical Church at Moundridge, Kans., since 1920. He married Martha Lugibill at Moundridge, Kansas, 1908. She was born ————. They have lived in Ohio, Kansas, Oklahoma, Ohio, again, Moundridge, Kans., then Kingfisher, Okla., and again in Moundridge, Kans. To them were born:

I—Ivan C., Bluffton, Ohio, 1908, Sixth Generation.

II—Lucile E., Moundridge, Kans., 1910, Sixth Generation.

III—Wilford W., Pandora, Ohio, 1912, Sixth Generation.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### Ulrich Welty, Fourth Generation, Farmer, 1835-1909.



ULRICH WELTY

Ulrich arrived in this world in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmenthal, Canton Bern, Switzerland, May 28, 1835. Here he received a limited education. He was reared in the Mennonite faith and was baptized and received as a member in 1851. In 1855, with his parents, he came to America, settling first in Putnam Co., Ohio. In 1856 he came to Kosciusko Co., Ind., four miles southeast of Nappanee, Ind., where he bought land, and cleared it and made a comfortable living. He was married to Anna Bare, Jan. 7, 1864. She was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, Oct. 10, 1844. She united with the Mennonite Church in 1864. They always were farmers. Here they reared their children in the faith of their church, in which they strove to live consistent Christian lives. He departed this life Apr. 4, 1909, and she in 1923. Both are interred in the Yellow Creek Mennonite Cemetery, Elkhart Co. The following children were born to them:

#### A—Ephraim Welty, Fifth Generation, Milford, Ind., Farmer.

Ephraim appeared on the shores of time July 22, 1864. He attended rural school. At the age of 36 years he joined the Mennonite Church. Farming has been his vocation, having been quite successful. He entered matrimony with Lucetta Stahley, Mar. 23, 1890, Rev. J. C. Murray officiating. She was born Apr. 1, 1869, and only attended rural school. She united with the church of the Dunkard Brethren in 1886. To them were born near Nappanee, Ind.:

#### I—Chancy Albert Welty, Sixth Generation, Nappanee, Ind., Restaurant Clerk.

Chancy A. began his earthly life Feb. 2, 1891. He only attended rural school. Then he farmed until 1923, when he moved to Nappanee, Ind., where he was employed in the Freese Creamery for a time, then as fireman in the grist mill, but now is clerk and table waiter in a restaurant in this place. He was married to Faith Hope Weyman, Sept. 26, 1914, by Rev. Daniel Wysong. She was born Jan. 13, 1898. To their home came:

1—Iris Delores, July 14, 1918, Seventh Generation.

2—June, June 3, 1923, Seventh Generation.

II—Harvey Welty, Sixth Generation, Nappanee, Ind., Farmer.

Harvey entered the path of life Aug. 9, 1892. He only attended country school. He is a farmer. He was married to Iva Catharine Grimm, Feb. 25, 1915, by Rev. Smith. She was born Aug. 11, 1892. She united with the Lutheran Church in 1908. To them are born:

1—Leslie Lamar, Dec. 20, 1915, Seventh Generation.

2—Devon Carlyle, Mar. 2, 1919, Seventh Generation.

3—Stanley Eugene, June 7, 1921, Seventh Generation. Died Sept., 1923.

4—Harvey Junior, Jan. 19, 1924, Seventh Generation.

III—Vernon Edward Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer.

Vernon E. commenced life Sept. 26, 1894. He only attended district school. He is a farmer. During the World War he was in training in Camp Custer, Mich., as a private, and was discharged from this camp, June 21, 1919. He is yet single.

IV—Dora Livina Welty, Sixth Generation.

Dora L. began her race of life Oct. 22, 1896. She graduated from common school in 1913. She is engaged in housework in Milford, Ind. She yet walks the single path of life.

V—Alpha Iona Welty, Sixth Generation, Elkhart, Ind.

Alpha I. started on her earthly career near Etna Green, Ind., July 29, 1903. She graduated from common school in 1918. She worked in the Elkhart Publishing House over one year. In 1925 she attended a six weeks' course of Bible Training, at Goshen College, Goshen, Ind. She received Christian baptism Apr. 13, 1924, in the Elkhart Mennonite Church when she also became a member. She is yet single.

B—Emmanuel Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Etna Green, Ind.

Emmanuel began his earthly trials July 24, 1866. He attended district school. Farming has always been his vocation, at which he is successful. He was reared in the Mennonite faith. He was married to Emma Stahley, Aug. 17, 1893, by Rev. Woods. She was born Sept. 28, 1873, in Elkhart Co., Ind. She only attended district school. To their home came:

I—Cora May Welty, Miller, Sixth Generation, Laborer, Nappanee, Ind.

Cora M. began her earthly mission in Nappanee, Ind., Apr. 14, 1894. She attended the "Clups" district school, near Nappanee, and the "Moore" school near Etna Green. In 1911, she united with the Millwood Christian Church. She was married to Atley F. Miller, Feb. 26, 1921, at Warsaw, by Rev. A. E. Grubbs. He only went to rural school. He joined the

Brethren Church Nov. 11, 1922. They now live in Nappanee. He works in the Mutchler Bros. Furniture Factory. To them is born:

1—Atley Raymond, Aug. 2, 1924. Seventh Generation.

II—Gertrude Welty, Sixth Generation.

Gertrude was born Oct. 30, 1896, and departed Dec. 26, of this year.

III—Ruth Marie Welty, Sixth Generation, Nappanee, Ind.

Ruth M. entered the arena of life June 3, 1898. She graduated from the Pleasant View district school in 1913. For five years she has been doing housework and nursing. She received baptism May 25, and membership, Jan. 11, 1913, at Millwood Chapel, Christian Church, Kosciusko Co. She has been president of the Missionary Class of the church. She travels alone the path of life.

IV—Hazel Edna Welty, Sixth Generation.

Hazel E. began her story of life Apr. 29, 1901. She graduated from the Pleasant View district school June 7, 1913. She engages in housework. She became a member of the Millwood Chapel Christian Church in Kosciusko Co., in 1915, where she also was baptized.

V—Lloyd Welty, Sixth Generation.

Lloyd was born Jan. 4, 1903 and died 25 days later.

VI—Clifford Welty, Sixth Generation.

Clifford began his career May 10, 1905, and attended Pleasant View school, where his sisters did, and is a member of the same church, since 1916, when he was baptized.

VII—Benjamin Welty, Sixth Generation.

Benjamin was born Apr. 26, 1907, and died four days later.

C—Levi Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Hubbard, Ore.

Levi was born May 3, 1868. He attended Hall district school. He united with the Mennonite Church in 1891. In this church he served as deacon for some years. His vocation is farming. Previously he did carpenter work and painting. He entered matrimony with Polly Johnson, Mar. 9, 1896, Rev. C. Steiner of Salem, Ore., officiating. She was born in 1878. To them were born in Hubbard, Ore.:

I—Anna Esther Welty, Downing, Sixth Generation, Hubbard, Ore.

Anna E. entered this life Nov. 30, 1896. She obtained a common

school education. She belongs to the Mennonite Church. She married Floyd Downing in 1915. He is in the dairy business.

II—Nora Mae Welty, Ward, Sixth Generation, Salem, Ore.

Nora M. came into existence in Marion Co., Ore., June 20, 1898. She only attended common school. She belongs to the Free Methodist Church at Salem, Ore. She was married to Mr. Ward in 1919. He is a public school teacher.

III—Nelson Manaon Welty, Sixth Generation, Surveyor, Hubbard, Ore.

Nelson M. began life in Marion Co., Ore., May 11, 1900. Here he finished public and high school. His present occupation is surveying at Sacramento, Calif. His residence is at Hubbard, Ore.

IV—Clayton Stanley Welty, Sixth Generation, Veronica, Ore.

Clayton was born in Marion Co., Ore., May 2, 1902. Here he received public and high school training. He is now in the lumber business at Veronica, Ore., where he lives.

D—Hetty A. Welty, Hershberger, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Hubbard, Ore.

Hetty A. was born Aug. 10, 1870, near Nappanee, Ind. She attended Hall district school. As a young woman she was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church in Salem, Ore. She is now a member thereof at Hopewell, Hubbard, Ore. She gave her hand in marriage to Noah L. Hershberger, Nov. 23, 1899, Bishop J. D. Mishler officiating. His vocation is farming. To their home came:

I—Mary Minerva Hershberger, Hochstetler, Sixth Generation, Salem, Ore.

Mary M. entered life's pathway near Salem, Ore., Nov. 28, 1900. She has a common school education. She married Simon M. Hochstetler Sept. 14, 1919. Both belong to the Mennonite Church in Salem, Ore. To them came:

1—Marion Stanley, June 23, 1920, Seventh Generation.

E—Christina Welty, Landes, Fifth Generation, Elkhart, Ind.

Christina entered life's race near Nappanee, Ind., Dec. 29, 1872. Here she attended the district school. In 1891 she espoused Christianity and united with the Mennonite Church. She gave her hand in marriage to Michael Landes, Jan. 18, 1903, Rev. J. F. Funk officiating. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 14, 1875. He united with the Mennonite Church

in 1890. He, too, has a common school education. They are both loyal members of their church in Elkhart, Ind. To their home came:

I—Esther Anna, Sixth Generation, July 18, 1911.

**F—Noah Welty, Fifth Generation, Carpenter, Nappanee, Ind.**

Noah was born near Nappanee, Ind., May 27, 1875. He only attended rural school. He was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church in 1898. He is a carpenter. He was married to Saloma Leinbach, Sept. 11, 1910. She was born in Elkhart Co., Ind., Nov. 22, 1887. She united with his church in 1902, and was baptized. To their home came, in Nappanee, Indiana:

Sixth Generation

I—Ray C., Apr. 11, 1911.
II—Nelson L., Dec. 7, 1912.
III—Virgil L., July 28, 1915.
IV—Viola A., Apr. 24, 1919.
V—Everet L., May 23, 1922.

**G—William H. Welty, Fifth Generation, Cabinet Maker, Nappanee, Ind.**

William H. entered time near Nappanee, Apr. 1, 1878. He graduated from the district school in 1896. Then he attended the Normal College, Valparaiso, Ind. At the age of 21 he united with the Mennonite Church and was baptized. He remained on the farm until 1905, when he moved to Nappanee, where he then united with the same denomination, and lives a loyal church life. Here he worked on the carpenter trade until June, 1922, when he began as cabinet maker in the Muehler Bros. Furniture Factory. He was married to Bessie Hess, Jan. 28, 1905, by Rev. David Burkholder. She was born Feb. 25, 1884, in Elkhart Co., Ind. She has a common school education. She united with the Mennonite Church in 1903. To their home have come:

**I—Wilma E. Welty, Sixth Generation.**

Wilma E. was born Nov. 6, 1906. She graduated from the Nappanee high school in 1924. Then she entered Goshen College, Goshen, Ind. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1921.

**II—Mabel V. Welty, Sixth Generation.**

Mabel entered the path of life Mar. 21, 1910. She is a high school student. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church in 1923.

**III—Thelma L. Welty, Sixth Generation.**

Thelma L. began her walk of life June 19, 1914, and is about to enter high school.

H—Minerva Welty, Weldy, Fifth Generation, Nappanee, Ind.

Minerva came to this world Sept. 4, 1880. She only attended rural school. She was baptized and admitted to membership of the Mennonite Church in 1897. She was wedded to Ira Weldy, Dec. 6, 1903, Rev. J. F. Funk officiating. He was born Mar. 2, 1881. He has a common school education, and is a member of the Mennonite Church since 1905. To them were born in St. Joseph Co., near Nappanee:

I—Grace Marie Weldy, Metzler, Sixth Generation.

Grace M. entered life's pathway Dec. 6, 1905. She had only district schooling. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1917. She united in marriage with Harold Metzler, Feb. 28, 1925. He was born Feb. 14, 1905, in Elkhart Co. He joined the Mennonite Church in 1925.

II—Ethel Naomi Weldy, Sixth Generation.

Ethel N. entered life's arena Dec. 6, 1909. She only attended common school. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church in 1920.

III—John Ward Weldy, Sixth Generation.

John W. was born Apr. 12, 1916. He is now in school.

I—Mary Welty, Weldy, Fifth Generation, Elkhart, Ind.

Mary E. made her debut in life Nov. 18, 1882. She attended rural school. She received baptism and church membership into the Mennonite Church in 1900. She was united in marriage with Martin D. Weldy, Mar. 12, 1904, Rev. J. F. Funk officiating. He was born Mar. 2, 1879. He has a common school education. He also belongs to the Mennonite Church. To their home came:

I—Forest, Sixth Generation, born in 1904. died Apr., 1913.

II—Donald Lamar, Sixth Generation, born Sept. 26, 1925.

J—David Welty, Fifth Generation, Nappanee, Ind., Employee.

David began the trials of life May 10, 1888. He only attended district school. In 1907 he was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church. He quit farming in 1907 and moved to Nappanee, and is employed in the Geo. Lamb Furniture Factory. He was married to Maggie Troyer, Mar. 11, 1910, Rev. Paul W. Whitmer officiating. She was born in Howard Co., Ind., May 24, 1892. She joined the Mennonite Church in 1906. To them were born:

I—Ima, Nov. 13, 1910, Sixth Generation.

II—Frederick, July 11, 1918, Sixth Generation.

## CHAPTER IX.

### John Ulrich Welty, Fourth Generation, 1836-1915.



JOHN U. WELTY

John U. began his earthly mission in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmenthal, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 27, 1836. Here he went to school. In 1855, with his parents, he came to the U. S., and located in Putnam Co., Ohio. After his father's death he traveled through Missouri, and then in Indiana. Later he worked at the carpenter's trade near Ft. Wayne, then in Elkhart Co., Ind. Soon thereafter he bought a farm in Kosciysko Co., near Nappanee, where his brother Ulrich lived on a farm. He married Mary Stump near here in 1867, and moved upon their heavily timbered farm. Housekeeping started in a three-roomed log cabin. All other buildings were thus constructed. Thus they began life humbly, but by industry the farm was cleared, old buildings gave way to commodious frame buildings and the farm became one of the best in the community, where they enjoyed the earthly comforts. She was born in Elkhart Co., Ind., June 29, 1840, where she grew to womanhood. On this farm they lived and toiled to their end. They remained faithful to the tenets of the Mennonite Church which they joined at their maturity. She passed to her heavenly reward July 16, 1911, and he to his May 17, 1915. To them were born in Kosciusko Co., near Nappanee, Ind.:

#### A—Josiah Welty, Fifth Generation, Ditcher, New Paris, Ind.

Josiah was born Apr. 10, 1868. He attended the home district school. He farmed for his father until he reached the voting age. He married Sarah Landis, July 18, 1889, and moved on a farm in Elkhart Co., near Nappanee, where she was born Mar. 29, 1869. Here they resided until in the spring of 1917, when they moved to New Paris, Ind. At present he is contracting for ditches and operates a ditching machine. Both are members of the Church of the Brethren in New Paris. To them were born near Nappanee, Ind.:

#### 1—Andrew Jefferson Welty, Sixth Generation, Ditcher, Nappanee, Ind.

Andrew J. was born July 29, 1890. He went to the home district school. He was married to Stella May Brady, Apr. 6, 1916. She was born Dec. 14, 1893. He is operating a threshing outfit and ditching machine.

Nothing said about belonging to a church. To them were born in Elkhart Co., Ind.:

1—Sarah Jane, Apr. 19, 1917, Seventh Generation.

2—Lloyd Andrew, Mar. 18, 1919, Seventh Generation.

3—Mary Elizabeth, July 10, 1921, Seventh Generation.

### II—Mary C. Welty, Weaver, Sixth Generation.

Mary C. began her pilgrimage in Elkhart Co., Ind., Feb. 12, 1892. Here she obtained a common school education. She was married to Osee W. Weaver, Dec. 24, 1915. He was initiated to this life May 13, 1887. No church relation given, nor occupation. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Francis H., Sept. 29, 1916.
2—Bertha S., Jan. 12, 1918.
3—Charles G., Sept. 7, 1920.
4—Fay V., Dec. 18, 1921.

### III—Rosa E. Welty, Cripe, Sixth Generation.

Rosa E. came into this world in Elkhart Co., Ind., May 18, 1893. She has a district school education. Sept. 3, 1913, she entered married life with Roy E. Cripe. He was born Oct. 7, 1891. Into their family circle came:

Seventh Generation

1—Dorothy I., Apr. 3, 1915.
2—Flossie M., Aug. 28, 1917.
3—Calvin, Jr., Dec. 25, 1919.
4—Delons E., Aug. 10, 1921.

### IV—Carrie A. Welty, Young, Sixth Generation.

Carrie A. reached the shores of time in Elkhart Co., Ind., Apr. 11, 1896. She obtained a rural school education. She gave her hand in marriage to Jesse E. Young, June 11, 1914. He was born Oct. 12, 1894. Their union was blessed with:

1—Elouise M., June 24, 1915, Seventh Generation.

2—Jessie L., Feb. 1, 1918, Seventh Generation.

3—Mary A., July 5, 1921, Seventh Generation.

### V—Lydia A. Welty, Brady, Sixth Generation.

Lydia A. entered the stage of time in Elkhart Co., Ind., July 18, 1898. She only attended rural school. She was married to Lloyd A. Brady, Feb. 17, 1916. He was born Sept. 11, 1897. To their home came:

1—Victor D., Oct. 31, 1918, Seventh Generation.

### VI—Fannie C. Welty, Weaver, Sixth Generation.

Fannie C. entered this life in Elkhart Co., Ind., Feb. 7, 1901. She attended only district school. She entered married life with Hubert Weaver, June 17, 1920. He was born June 7, 1900.

B—Jesse Welty, Fifth Generation, Nappanee, Ind., Cabinet Maker.

Jesse entered the race of life near Nappanee, Ind., Aug. 5, 1869. He has a good education. For three years he taught school in his native county. Then he took up farming in which he continued for several years. Mar. 27, 1894, he was united in marriage with Caroline B. Klotz, and lived on a farm in Elkhart Co., Ind. She was born Apr. 5, 1874, in Würtemberg, Germany. She came to America with her parents when eight years old. They located near Nappanee, Ind. Here she was converted to God, and united with the Evangelical Church in Nappanee when a young woman. He was baptized and became a member of her church after marriage. Both live an exemplary Christian life, filling official positions in the church, he as class-leader, steward, trustee and S. S. teacher for some years; she as secretary in the Ladies' Aid, and is active in the local W. M. S. and S. S. work. They carefully reared their children in the Christian faith. In 1898 they left the farm. He took a business course in the northern Indiana Business College. After this they moved into Nappanee, where he worked in a factory. Later he became a cabinet maker, in the Mutchler Bros. Table Factory. His life as a citizen and Christian is quiet and consistent. To their home came:

I—Bertha M. Welty, Tyrral, Sixth Generation, Elkhart, Ind.

Bertha M. began her life in Elkhart Co., Ind., Mar. 28, 1895. She is a graduate of the Nappanee public and high school. Then she entered the North Western School of Commerce, Naperville, Ill., where she graduated in June, 1916. After this she did clerical work in the office of the Nappanee Lumber and Mfg. Co., Nappanee, Ind., continuing to Mar. 15, 1922, when she married Hubert J. Tyrrall. He was born in Burbon, Marshall Co., Ind., June 24, 1895. He received a high school education in South Bend, Ind. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Service, Apr. 16, 1917, and was assigned to 17th Aero Squad Division, and sailed from New York City Jan. 9, 1918, for France. He returned Mar. 22, 1919, and was discharged with the rank of corporal, Apr. 4, 1919. She became a member of the Evangelical Church in Nappanee when ten years old. After marriage they located in Elkhart, Ind., where he is employed. Here was born to them:

1—Hubert J., Nov. 24, 1922, Seventh Generation.

II—Harvey Franklin Welty, Sixth Generation.

Harvey F. was born July 26, 1897, and departed this life Nov. 19, same year.

### III—Anna S. Welty, Williams, Sixth Generation, Chicago, Ill.

Anna S. entered the path of life in Nappanee, Ind., Nov. 11, 1898. She graduated in the Nappanee public schools. Then she took a course in North Western School of Commerce, Naperville, Ill., and graduated in 1918. She united with the Evangelical Church in Nappanee, when 11 years old. While at Naperville she met Faston Wilfred Williams, to whom she was married Dec. 24, 1919. They located in Chicago, Ill., where they have lived since. He was born in Wellesley, Ontario, Canada, Mar. 1, 1898. At the age of 14 years he entered the New Hamburg high school from which he graduated. Then he became a student at North Western College, Naperville. He is a World War veteran, belonged to the Royal Air Force at Longbranch, Canada. After the armistice he returned to the United States and is now a citizen of it. On Easter Sunday, 1921, they united with the Humbolt Park Evangelical Church in Chicago, where they are active members. In this city was born to them:

1—Carolyne Yetta, July 25, 1921, Seventh Generation.

### IV—Edith Julia Welty, Sixth Generation, Nappanee, Ind.

Edith J. began her voyage of life in Nappanee, Ind., Aug. 26, 1911. She is now in high school. She, too, is a member of the Evangelical Church of this place.

### C—Elizabeth Welty, Fifth Generation.

Elizabeth was born Mar. 2, 1871. She took ill with brain fever and died June 30, 1874.

### D—Prof. Samuel H. Welty, Fifth Generation, Goshen, Ind.



PROF. SAMUEL H. WELTY

Samuel H. was initiated to this life near Nappanee, Ind., Oct. 6, 1873. He started to summer school when four years old. Having no sisters, he was drafted into household work. After attending high school for three years at Nappanee, he began teaching school. He seemed to have no inclination to teach, but he contracted for a school, and on the appointed time he went to his schoolhouse to meet the boys and girls. "This," he says, "was a day of revelation, and an experience of pleasure and visible success."

In 1897 he entered Northern Indiana

Normal School, Valparaiso, Ind., continuing three years, and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. Then he taught seven years more of country school, when he secured a principalship of a school, continuing as such, and as superintendent of schools for three years. Then he re-entered the Valparaiso University, completed the course that secured him the degree of B. A. in 1911, majoring in English and bachelor in pedagogy. Since then he has held the superintendency of schools in Wolf Lake, West Lebanon and Laotto, Ind., until the summer of 1918, when he became a member of the faculty of the Goshen schools, Goshen, Ind., where he is now at the head of the Science Department and teaches physics and chemistry. During the summers he has done post graduate work in the Chicago University. In the summer of 1923 he received the degree of B. A. in the Goshen College, majoring in physical science. His present objective is a Master of Arts degree from the Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.



Hazel L. Welty

He was married to Zuella Tuttle, June 4, 1903, in Elkhart, Ind., residence of Rev. S. H. Baumgartner, who tied the nuptial knot. She was born Mar. 1, 1884, near Oswego, Ind. She is a daughter of Albert and Laura Tuttle. She obtained a common school education. She became a member of the M. E. Church when 13 years old. In 1918 the whole family united with the Evangelical Church in New Paris, Ind. For eight years he has been a Sunday school teacher. At present he teaches the Men's Bible Class of the First Brethren Church in Goshen, Ind. To this union were born:

**I—Hazel L. Welty, Sixth Generation, Goshen, Ind.**

Hazel L. was born Sunday, May 15, 1904, in Nappanee, Ind. When six years old she declared her intentions of "teaching school like papa", holding true to her declaration. She graduated from Goshen high school in 1922, and entered college the same summer. She studied in Goshen College one year, then entered Ball Teachers' College at Muncie, Ind., from which she graduated in 1925, receiving a B. A. degree, doing the four years' work in three years. Here she received membership in the Epsilon Delta Beta Sorority for high standard of efficiency. Her majors are English and History. Sept., 1925, three weeks after receiving her degrees, she began teaching in the North Bend high school. She is delighted with her

work of teaching, and her hopes and aspiration in the educational world rank high. She joined the Evangelical Church at New Paris, Ind., when 12 years old, but has now affiliated with the First Brethren Church in Goshen, Ind., where she is active in Sunday school and other church activities as she has opportunity.

II—John A. Welty, Sixth Generation.

John A. entered the race of life in Nappanee, Ind., Apr. 26, 1908, on Baccalaureate Sunday as Hazel was. He is now a senior in the Goshen high school. After graduation here he contemplates to continue his studies in a college. He joined the Evangelical Church in New Paris, Ind., when eight years old, but now transferred his membership to the First Brethren Church in Goshen, Ind. Here he is active in the S. S., and Christian Endeavor.

III—Robert Samuel Welty, Sixth Generation.

Robert S. entered this life in West Lebanon, Ind., Jan. 18, 1913. He is now in the public school in Goshen, Ind.

IV—Mary Elizabeth Welty, Sixth Generation.

Mary E. came on the scene of action at the Goshen Hospital, Goshen, Ind., Sunday, June 24, 1917, where she is now in the public school.

E—John M. Welty, Fifth Generation, Nappanee, Ind., Farmer.

John M. began the toils of life near Nappanee, Ind., Oct. 18, 1876. He has a rural school education. He entered matrimony with Fannie L. Fisher, June 7, 1896. She was born Apr. 16, 1878, in Elkhart Co., Ind. After marriage they moved near his parents' home, assisting father in the farm work. Later they moved on the farm and took charge of it until his wife passed away, July 13, 1916. Both were members of the River Brethren Church. She was a faithful Christian mother, raising her children in the faith of her church. On Mar. 15, 1919, he was again married, this time to Mrs. Amanda H. Englemier of Elkhart Co., Ind. They moved unto her farm in this county, where they now dwell. She being a member of the Mennonite Church, he transferred his membership to hers. She was born Aug. 24, 1874, in this county. Her maiden name was Bechtel. She is a devoted member of the church. His children by his first marriage, all born in Kosciusko, Co., Ind., near Nappanee, are:

I—Wilbur F. Welty, Sixth Generation, Express Service, Nappanee, Ind.

Wilbur F. began his earthly career July 26, 1898. He received a high school education in Nappanee. He is in the employ of the Wells

Fargo Express Co., at this place. He is yet single. No church affiliation given.

II—Guy Irvin Welty, Sixth Generation.

Guy I. was born Apr. 10, 1900. He grew to manhood, then died Feb. 14, 1918.

III—Charles C. Welty, Sixth Generation, Nappanee, Ind.

Charles C. commenced his life Apr. 21, 1907. He is now in the Nappanee high school, laying a foundation for his life's work.

IV—John J. Welty, Sixth Generation, Nappanee, Ind.

John J. began his pilgrimage Oct. 24, 1909, and is now in the Nappanee high school, getting ready for life's duties.

F—Cornelius Welty, Fifth Generation, New Paris, Ind., Ditcher.

Cornelius came into being Aug. 30, 1879. He received a country school education, and spent his time mostly on the farm, helping his parents in their declining years. After their demise he made his home with his brother Josiah at New Paris, Ind. He is a contractor of ditches and operates a ditching machine. He is unmarried. No church connection is given.

G—Charles Welty, Fifth Generation, Auto Repairer, Nappanee, Ind.

Charles was born, Nov. 11, 1883. He has a country school education. He chose for his wife Wilma Loretta Hamsher, Nov. 19, 1918, and located in Nappanee, Ind. Near here she was born Oct. 1, 1901. He has a natural talent for machine construction work, operating and repairing them. Quite early in life he procured the rough castings for a small gasoline engine which he fitted together by means of a few simple tools and succeeded well in getting it to run smoothly. He was employed in several garage repair shops, and at present operates an automobile repair shop near Nappanee, Ind. No church identification is given concerning him or her.

## SECTION IV.

Barbara Christina Welty, Geiger, Third Generation, 1796-1847.

Barbara, also known as Christina, was the youngest child of Nicklaus Welty, and his wife Christina, nee Gerber. She was born in Lauenberg, Canton Basel, Switzerland, in 1796. Month and day not found. She was wedded to John Geiger Feb. 24, 1821. He was born Jan. 18, 1791,

also in Canton Basel, Switzerland. In 1835 they came to America and settled near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio. They were some of the early settlers here, forming a Swiss colony. He died Nov. 21, 1851. Here they raised their family. All except the last two children were born in Switzerland, namely:

Chapter I—John, Jr., Nov. 23, 1822, died July 23, 1886.
Chapter II—Christian, Aug. 1, 1824, died Jan. 8, 1825.
Chapter III—Verena, Sept. 23, 1825, died May 14, 1899.
Chapter IV—Barbara, July 14, 1827, died Feb. 4, 1907.
Chapter V—Peter, May 13, 1829, died Mar. 13, 1831.
Chapter VI—Peter*, Mar. 13, 1831, died Mar. 14, 1905.
Chapter VII—Anna, Aug. 11, 1834, died Mar. 5, 1907.
Chapter VIII—Fredrick, Oct. 17, 1838, died Sept. 17, 1916.
Chapter IX—Magdalena, June 14, 1842, died Sept. 7, 1913.

*The sixth child was born on the same day the fifth one died, and hence inherited his dead brother's name.

## CHAPTER I.

### John Geiger, Jr., Fourth Generation, 1822-1886, Farmer.

John entered this life Nov. 23, 1822. He came to America in 1835, and located in Putnam Co., Ohio. Here he farmed in pioneer style. He was married to Anna Steiner of Wayne Co., Ohio, June 4, 1854, where she was born Oct. 30, 1831. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. He died July 23, 1886, and she Nov. 1, 1911. They became the parents of:

### A—Maria Geiger, Schumacher, Fifth Generation, 1855-1916.

Maria began her life in Putnam Co., Ohio, Apr. 9, 1855. Here she obtained some rural schooling. She married David P. Schumacher Mar. 21, 1876. He was born Apr. 17, 1855, and died Dec. 7, 1917. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. She passed away Dec. 3, 1916. To them were born in Putnam Co., Ohio:

#### I—Amos Shoemaker, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Stone Crusher.

Amos and the rest of the children use the English spelling of the family name. He was born June 7, 1876. He attended common school. He never married. His employment is stone crushing. He has been, for 20 years, the manager of the Shoemaker Stone Co. By baptism he was admitted into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1894, and has served the church as a trustee.

II—Caroline Shoemaker, Gerber, Sixth Generation, Pandora, O., Farmers.

Caroline entered this world Aug. 31, 1877. She only attended rural school. She became the wife of Noah Gerber in Allen Co., Ohio, Dec. 27, 1900. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, date not given. They are farmers. They are both members of the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio. She was baptized in 1894. His baptism was not given. To them were born near Pandora, Ohio:

1—Melvena M. Gerber, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Student.

Melvena M. was born Dec. 14, 1901. She graduated from Pandora high school and is now (1925) a student at Bluffton College. She was admitted to the Grace Mennonite Church by baptism in 1916, where she has served as S. S. teacher and Young People's President.

2—Myron A. Gerber, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Teacher

Myron A. entered life's pathway June 23, 1903. He is a graduate from Pandora high school and attended Bluffton College for two years. He is now teaching school and is simultaneously pursuing his college studies. He was baptized and received into the Grace Mennonite Church in 1918.

3—Millen V. Gerber, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Millen V. entered life's activities June 1, 1905. He obtained rural and high school training at Pandora. He received reception by baptism into the Grace Mennonite Church in 1920.

4—Vernon Ray and Vilas Gerber, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

These twins commenced their earthly race Apr. 23, 1912. They are now in school.

5—Leland Gerber, Seventh Generation, was born June 2, 1915, and is now in school.

III—Clara Shoemaker, Sixth Generation, was born Jan. 21, 1879, and died Mar. 4, same year.

IV—Fanny Shoemaker, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Fanny was born June 10, 1880, and by baptism was received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1897. She does housework and is unmarried.

V—Sarah Ann Shoemaker, Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Sarah A. came into being Sept. 13, 1882. She was married to Gideon Neiswander Mar. 16, 1905. They received membership into the Missionary Church at Pandora, by baptism in 1912. They live near Bluffton, running a dairy farm, bottling and delivering milk in Bluffton. To them are born:

1—Mardell, ———— 1906, Seventh Generation.
2—C. Lucile, June 19, 1910, Seventh Generation.
3—Dwight, ———— 1913, Seventh Generation.

**VI—Elvina Shoemaker, Sixth Generation.**

Elvina was born Apr. 13, 1884, and passed away Apr. 15, 1885.

**VII—Elma Shoemaker, Lugibill, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.**

Elma entered this life Dec. 30, 1886. She attended common school. She was baptized and received into St. John's Mennonite Church near Pandora, May, 1903. She was married to David Lugibill in Allen Co., Ohio, Mar. 17, 1917. He, too, belongs to her church. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Paul Elden, Mar. 28, 1918.
2—Anna Marie, Nov. 22, 1919.
3—Ellen Grace, Mar. 26, 1921.
4—Treva Levon, Apr. 18, 1922.

**VIII—Edwin Shoemaker, Sixth Generation.**

Edwin was born Mar. 20, 1889, and transferred to heaven Nov 12, 1897.

**IX—Wilbert Shoemaker, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio, Farmer.**

Wilbert began his earthly career Apr. 6, 1892. He went to the "Diller" school. He is a farmer in Richland Tp., Allen Co., Ohio. He obtained reception by baptism into the Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora, Ohio, in 1909. He married Huldah Sutter, Feb. 8, 1914. She belongs to his church. To them were born on their farm:

Seventh Generation

1—Jeannette Marg., Dec. 23, 1914.
2—Vivian Jardine, Oct. 21, 1916.
3—Ray Woodrow, June 19, 1918.
4—Mark William, Sept. 9, 1921.
5—Ruth Lodene, Oct. 4, 1924.

**B—Sem Geiger, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Orrville, Ohio.**



MR. AND MRS. SEM GEIGER

Sem entered the arena of life in Putnam Co., Ohio, June 7, 1857, where he attended the Beech Grove district school. He followed farming and carpentering here until in 1881 when he moved to Wayne Co., Ohio, where he continued farming. He united in marriage with Katharina Lehman, Nov. 19,

1881. By baptism he became a member of the Swiss Mennonite Church, in Putnam Co., Ohio, when a young man; and she of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Apr. 30, 1874. In 1886 both transferred to the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio. He was a trustee of this church for 30 years. They are both highly esteemed members of the church and respected citizens of Wayne Co., Ohio. Farming having become too arduous they moved to Orrville, Ohio. He is now working in the Schantz Pipe Organ Factory. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

### I—Amos A. Geiger, Sixth Generation.

Amos was born Jan. 31, 1883, and passed to heavenly realms Oct. 9, 1886, at Berne, Ind., while his parents were on a visit here. Diphtheria ended his life and he was buried here.

### II—Bertha L. Geiger, Gerber, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, 1885-1909.

Bertha L. entered life's pathway Mar. 20, 1885. She attended district school and studied music at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, and at Wooster Conservatory, Wooster, Ohio. Then she taught music for a number of years. She was initiated into the Salem Mennonite Church by baptism near Dalton, Ohio, Nov. 13, 1898, where for some time she served as organist. She married Gideon Gerber Oct. 14, 1904. He was baptized and joined the same church. She passed to her reward Apr. 28, 1909. He is a fruit agent and painter at Dalton, Ohio. To them were born:

1—Glorene Edna, Apr. 29, 1908, Seventh Generation.

2—Marie L., Feb. 19, 1909, Seventh Generation.

### III—Viola E. Geiger, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Orrville, Ohio.

Viola E. entered the arena of life Sept. 9, 1887. She has a common school education. She received admission through baptism into the Salem Mennonite Church Sept. 28, 1902. She married Joel L. Lehman May 23, 1907. He was born in Berne, Ind., May 6, 1882, where he was also baptized and received into the Mennonite Church. To their home came:

1—Vilas Orlando, June 23, 1908, Seventh Generation.

2—Reva Martha, May 6, 1919, Seventh Generation.

### IV—Elda Edna Geiger, Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Orrville, O., Trucking.

Elda E. entered this life Mar. 21, 1889. She attended district school No. 10. She joined the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton by baptism Nov. 8, 1903. She married David N. Amstutz Oct. 14, 1909, and together made a wedding trip to California, remaining there until the next spring.

He is a member of the same church. He is trucking in Orrville. They are the parents of:

Seventh Generation

1—Lucile Betty, July 22, 1911.
2—Mardell Mollie, Aug. 24, 1913.
3—Dwight Edison, Mar. 18, 1915.
4—Arlene Elizabeth, Nov. 19, 1916
5—Dorothy Vivian, Oct. 15, 1918.
6—Flossie Elaine, Dec. 16, 1919.

### V—Wilbert S. Geiger, Sixth Generation, Sales Mgr., Orrville, Ohio.

Wilbert S. arrived in the world Apr. 6, 1892. He attended district school No. 10, and graduated from the I. C. S. Business College, Scranton, Pa. He was salesman for 12 years, and is now Sales Mgr., Ford Agency, Orrville, Ohio. By baptism he was admitted into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio. But he is now a member of the M. E. Church in Orrville. He took a winter trip to California in 1909-10 with his sister Elda and husband. He joined hand in marriage with Ellen Mae Moser, June 24, 1914. They are the parents of:

1—Lois Katharyne, Apr. 22, 1916, Seventh Generation.
2—Vincent Maurice, Dec. 3, 1917, Seventh Generation.
3—Robert Franklin, Jan. 29, 1919, Seventh Generation.

### C—Aaron Geiger, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Aaron was born near Pandora, Ohio, Dec. 3, 1858. Here he attended rural school. He was by baptism received into the St. John's Mennonite Church near Pandora, in 1875. He married Anna J. Moser, Nov. 13, 1884, who was born Feb. 11, 1859. To this union were born in Putnam Co., Ohio, near Pandora:

### I—Clara Geiger, Grissmore, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio:

Clara was born Oct. 14, 1885. She attended district school. By baptism she became a member of the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1902. At Bluffton, Ohio, she married Clarence W. Grissmore Dec. 26, 1909. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—G. Maurice, Oct. 8, 1910.
2—Mildred, Sept., 1912.
3—Wayne, May, 1917.
4—Helen, Oct. 29, 1921.

### II—Ellen Geiger, Night, Sixth Generation, Sheridan, Ill.

Ellen was born Sept. 24, 1887. Besides district school she attended two years the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. In 1904 she became a member of the St. John's Mennonite Church by baptism. She married

D. S. Night, Mar. 21, 1917. He was born at Sheridan, Ill. He also was at the Moody Bible Institute. They are farming near Sheridan, where they are members of the M. E. Church. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Mark, Apr. 12, 1918.
2—Lois, June 4, 1920.
3—Virgil, Sept 28, 1921.
4—Mardell, ————

III—Lydia Geiger was born July 6, 1889, Sixth Generation. She attended district school, and remained single.

IV—Monroe Geiger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Monroe entered life May 29, 1893. Has a common school education. Was baptized into the Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, in 1912. As a World War veteran, he was trained in Camp Sherman, Ohio. He was in the Hospital Dept., four months in France, not in the fight. Was discharged at Camp Sherman. He married Anna Hofstetter of Bluffton, Ohio, April, 1921. To them is born:

1—Treva, Feb. 20, 1925, Seventh Generation.

D—Fanny Geiger, Hilty, Fifth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Fanny was born Sept. 26, 1860, near Pandora, Ohio. She only attended rural school. As a young woman she united by baptism with the Mennonite Church. She married Samuel Hilty, Oct. 12, 1882. To this union were born in Putnam Co., near Pandora:

1—Elvina Hilty, Bucher, Sixth Generation.

Elvina came to be, Sept. 12, 1883. She has a district school training. She was married to Ezra Bucher, Nov. 30, 1905. They belong to the Mennonite Church. To them were born near Pandora, Ohio:

Seventh Generation

1—Verena A., July 14, 1906.
2—Vivla M., Feb. 24, 1909.
3—Velma A., June 13, 1911.
4—Vernon W., May 5, 1913.
5—Vinton S., Nov. 5, 1914.
6—Voldin, Sept. 13, 1916.
7—Vidella, June 9, 1918.
8—Victor, Feb. 19, 1920.
9—Vera, Mar. 9, 1922.

II—Viola Hilty, Sommer, Sixth Generation.

Viola entered life Mar. 17, 1885. She only went to rural school. She married Philip Sommer, Oct. 12, 1910. They are members of the Mennonite Church. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Francis, Dec. 31, 1911.
2—Elnora, Oct. 10, 1913.
3—Ralph, 1915.
4—Roland, June 23, 1918, died.
5—Kenneth, Oct., 1919.

III—Olivia Hilty, Shoemaker, Sixth Generation.

Olivia came into being Mar. 5, 1887. She only attended rural school. She married Cyrus Shoemaker, June 23, 1913. They belong to the Mennonite Church. Born to them are:

1—Paul A., June 3, 1914.
2—Dorothy O., Oct. 23, 1915.
3—Edward C., Aug. 7, 1917.
4—Charles, Sept. 3, 1919.
5—Raymond, 1925.

IV—Harvey Hilty, Sixth Generation.

Harvey was born June 4, 1889. He has a rural school education. He was married to Delila Amstutz, Oct. 4, 1914. They belong to the Mennonite Church. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Marjorie, July 22, 1915.
2—Ruth S., Dec. 23, 1916.
3—Geneva H., Nov. 8, 1918.
4—Lois Jean, Mar. 5, 1922.

V—Luella Hilty, Sommer, Sixth Generation.

Luella came to be Oct. 2, 1892. She has a rural school education. She married Edw. Sommer Aug. 17, 1915. They belong to the Mennonite Church. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Carl W., Aug. 11, 1916.
2—James, Feb., 1920.

VI—Sylvia Hilty, Sixth Generation, born July 20, 1895, died Feb. 26, 1910.

VII—Melvin Hilty, Sixth Generation.

Melvin, a twin brother to Melvina, was born Aug. 19, 1898. He went to district school. He married Ella Basinger, Oct. 15, 1922. They are Mennonites. To them is born:

1—Alene, May 15, 1925, Seventh Generation.

VIII—Melvina Hilty, Sixth Generation.

Melvina was born Aug. 19, 1898, has a rural school education and is a Mennonite.

E—Peter Geiger, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio, Laborer.

Peter was born in Riley Tp., Allen Co., Ohio, Mar. 18, 1862. He

attended district school. Farmed for 50 years near Bluffton, but now does mason, carpenter and shop work. He is a Mennonite since 1879, and for some time served as trustee and S. S. teacher in the church. He married Sarah Moser of Dalton, Ohio, Nov. 25, 1886. To them were born near Bluffton, Ohio:

I—Allen W. Geiger, Sixth Generation, Auto Mechanic, Orrville, Ohio.

Allen W. was born Sept. 30, 1887. He has a graded school education. He has been a farmer and did repair work in a Ford garage in Bluffton, and now the sixth year in Orrville, Ohio. In 1907 he was baptized and admitted into the St. John's Mennonite Church, but is now a member in Orrville. He was married to Eva Pearl Steiner, Jan. 25, 1912. To them were born:

1—Edgar, Dec. 25, 1915, Seventh Generation.

2—Lloyd E., Jan. 13, 1918, Seventh Generation.

II—Harry Geiger, Sixth Generation, Auto Mechanic, Lima, Ohio.

Harry was born Aug. 16, 1889. He has a rural school education. He has been an auto mechanic for 10 years, first in Toledo, now in Lima, Ohio. By baptism he became a member of the Mennonite Church in 1905. He is a World War veteran, trained at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Valparaiso, Ind., rank, private M. T. C. He was discharged from Camp Sherman, Ohio. He married Helen Mae Mantz at Lima, Ohio, Jan. 19, 1920. She was a trained nurse from New York City.

III—Metta Geiger, Sixth Generation, 1893-1922.

Metta was born June 1, 1893, and departed this life unmarried May 25, 1922.

IV—Lizzie A. Geiger, Sixth Generation.

Lizzie A. was born Jan. 18, 1899. She is still single. No other word.

V—Martha Geiger, Sixth Generation.

Martha was born June 25, 1905. She is still single. No other word.

F—Leah Geiger, Lichty, Fifth Generation.

Leah entered this life November 14, 1863. She attended rural school. She was married to David Lichty Oct. 25, 1887. He was born Oct. 9, 1862, and died June 18, 1917. No church relation was given. To them were born:

### I—Lillie Lichty, Waltz, Sixth Generation, 1888-1911.

Lillie was born July 14, 1888. She had rural school training. She married Otis Waltz Nov. 13, 1909. She died Aug. 5, 1911. To them was born:

1—Lily, May 27, 1910, Seventh Generation.

### II—Luella Lichty, Sixth Generation.

Luella was initiated to this life Sept. 3, 1892. She followed shorthand writing and bookkeeping for many years in Pandora, Leipsic and Toledo, Ohio.

### III—Clarence Lichty, Sixth Generation.

Clarence began his life June 3, 1899. No other information.

## G—Lizzie Geiger, Tschantz, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Lizzie was born Jan. 17, 1866 in Putnam Co., Ohio. She availed every opportunity to get a good education for life's duties. By baptism she became a member of the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, Mar. 23, 1883, and served here as a S. S. teacher. She was married to John H. Tschantz of Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 16, 1892, and assumed the care of his first wife's children. She made a fine Christian mother to them and ably assisted them to a good education. For a sketch of his life and children by his first marriage, see Book III, Sec. II, chapter I, letter A, sketch V. By his second marriage these are their children:

### I—Silvia L. Tschantz, Pannabecker, Sixth Generation, Missionary, Kai Chow, Chihli Province, China.

Silvia L. entered this world Jan. 23, 1893. She graduated from the Dalton high school in 1910, from Bluffton Academy in 1912, and from Bluffton College in 1917, with an A. B. degree. She taught school two years in Dalton, Ohio, and has served as Sunday school teacher. She has been State Jr. C. E. Supt. for two and one-half years at Columbus, Ohio. One year she was student at Peking, China. She traveled through Pa., N. Y., and to Boston, Mass. She was initiated into the Salem Mennonite Church at Dalton, Ohio, by baptism Oct. 28, 1907. She married Floyd Pannabecker Aug. 3, 1921, at Dalton, Ohio. He was born in 1895. He is a graduate of Petoskey high school, Mich., in 1913; from Bluffton College, Ohio, in 1917, with an A. B. degree, and here also received his A. M. degree in 1918. He taught school in Bluffton College for five years. He obtained reception by baptism into the Mennonite Brethren Church in Petoskey, Mich., in 1906. They sailed for China as missionaries, Aug. 21,

1923. They are stationed at Kai Chow, Chihli Province, China. To them are born:

1—Richard, May 21, 1922, Seventh Generation.

2—Robert T., Oct. 9, 1925, Seventh Generation.

### II—Clyde M. Tschantz, Sixth Generation, Principal and Teacher, Smithville, Ohio.

Clyde M. found welcome near Dalton, Ohio, July 24, 1898. Here he graduated from high school in 1916, from Bluffton College in 1920 with an A. M. degree. He majored in music. He has been principal of different high schools, where he also taught vocal music. He also did insurance work at Ritman, Smithville, Strassburg and Dalton, Ohio. He received reception by baptism into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, in 1910, where he has been director of the church choir for five years. He took to wife Rebecca Hoge of New Knoxville, Ohio, June 5, 1924. Here she was born Mar. 28, 1901, and graduated from high school in 1917, from Wapakoneta high school in 1918, and from Bluffton College in 1922 with an A. B. degree. She taught school two years in Smithville, Ohio. She was baptized in the Reformed Church in her native town in 1901, and became a member of it in 1916. She is now engaged in teaching home economics in the Smithville high school, where he is principal.

### H—Noah Geiger, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio, Farmer, 1868-1916.

Noah was born Sept. 6, 1868, in Putnam Co., Ohio, near Pandora, where he attended rural school. He was baptized and admitted into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1894. He married Fanny Gratz of Allen Co., Ohio, Feb. 23, 1893. He farmed 13 years and six years as a laborer in Bluffton, Ohio. He made trips to Kansas, New York, and Niagara Falls. To them was born an infant daughter Feb. 2, 1894, and died June 5, same year. His wife died July 4, 1894. He married again, this time with Barbara Lehman, Oct. 2, 1898. He died Jan. 10, 1916. They had no offspring.

### I—David W. Geiger, Fifth Generation, Jeweler, 1875-1910.

David W. was born July 6, 1875. Besides common school he attended Peoria Jewelry School, Peoria, Ill. He was for 12 years in the jewelry business. By baptism he was received into the St. John's Mennonite Church near Pandora, Ohio, in 1896. He was married to Lizzie Badertscher of Hancock Co., Ohio, June 5, 1898. They lived in Ashville, N. C. He died Feb. 5, 1910. To them was born:

I—Ruth Geiger, Henry, Sixth Generation.

Ruth was born May 19, 1900. She has a good education. She married a Mr. Henry, Sept. 7, 1924. Nothing more reported of them.

## CHAPTER II.

Christian Geiger, Fourth Generation.

Christian was born Aug. 1, 1824, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, and died Jan. 8, 1825.

## CHAPTER III.

Verena Geiger, Neiswander, Fourth Generation, 1825-1899.

Verena was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Sept. 23, 1825. She married Michael Neiswander July 10, 1845. She died May 14, 1899. To them were born:

A—Mary Ann Neiswander, Basinger, Fifth Generation, Columbus Grove, O.

Mary A. was born Mar. 10, 1852, near Bluffton, Ohio. She was baptized in 1871 and joined the Ref. Mennonite Church here. She married Jacob W. Basinger, Feb. 23, 1892, in her church. He was born in 1851, Allen Co., Ohio, and died at Columbus Grove, Ohio, 1924. To them were born:

I—Huldah Basinger, Meyer, Sixth Generation, Fayette, Ohio.

Huldah entered this life at Bluffton, Ohio, Aug. 12, 1893. She attended the Cook district school. She married Floyd Meyer Jan. 1, 1914, at Columbus Grove, Ohio. Their children are:

Seventh Generation

1—Rolland. 2—Darrel. 3—Oakley. 4—Francis. 5—Fayette. Their birthdays were not given.

II—Dr. Evan W. Basinger, Sixth Generation, Dentist, Bluffton, Ohio.

Dr. Evan W. entered this life at Columbus Grove, Ohio, Mar. 7, 1895. He graduated from the C. G. H. school in 1923, and from the Ohio State University in 1916 as D. D. S. He has followed dentistry for eight years in Bluffton. He is a World War veteran, was in training in Camp Z. Taylor, Louisville, Ky., in the Dental Corps service. He was discharged Dec. 28, 1918. He made a trip to New Orleans, La., to attend the Knight Templers Triennial Conclave in 1922. He is single. No church relation was given.

B—Anna Neiswander, Fifth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Anna was born Oct. 1, 1854. She was baptized in 1877 and united with the Ref. Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio. She never married.

C—Daniel G. Neiswander, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Daniel G. was born in Richland Tp., Allen Co., Ohio, Dec. 3, 1864, where he went to school. He farms and belongs to the Ref. Mennonite Church since 1917. He married Lydia Kaufman Jan. 26, 1892. In his native place were born to them:

I—Ruth E. Neiswander, Waltz, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Ruth E. was born ————. She graduated from the Bluffton high school in 1914. She married Levi Waltz Dec. 5, 1917, at Lima, Ohio. They live in Pandora, Ohio, where were born to them:

Seventh Generation

1—Virginia Louise, Sept. 17, 1919. 2—Ralph, Nov. 20, 1920.

II—Walter K. Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Laborer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Walter K. was born Mar. 20, 1898. He is a day laborer at the Page Dairy Co., Bluffton, Ohio. He married Evelene Lehman at Lima, Ohio, Apr. 2, 1919, where was born to them:

1—Vera Ilene, Nov. 7, 1919, and died Jan. 12, 1920, Seventh Generation.

III—Eugene C. Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Eugene C. was born Aug. 8, 1903. He graduated from the Bluffton high school in 1924.

IV—Alice M. Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Alice M. was born Nov. 5, 1905. She graduated from the Bluffton high school in 1924.

V—Robert M. Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Robert M. was born Apr. 28, 1907. He is now in Bluffton high school.

VI—Norman D. Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Norman D. was born Sept. 3, 1910. He is now in Bluffton high school.

D—Joshua Neiswander, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Jenera, Ohio.

Joshua was born in Richland Tp., Allen Co., Ohio, Jan. 4, 1867. Here he went to school. He farmed 43 years in Van Buren Tp., Hancock Co., Ohio. He married Susie Blosser Oct. 23, 1880. To them were born:

### I—E. Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Teacher.

E. entered this life Mar. 2, 1885. Graduated from the Ada high school, and Ohio N. University. Taught school four years, then married J. Melville Bushong of Newstark, Ohio, Nov. 28, 1908. He is a teacher and garage manager. To them was born:

1—Elton Merril, Jan. 15, 1912, died Feb. 5, 1915, Seventh Generation.

### II—Dr. L. C. Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Ada, Ohio.

Dr. L. C. was born Jan. 21, 1889. He graduated from high school, from Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio; and Ohio State University. He taught school four years at Ada, Ohio. He is now practicing medicine. Gives no church connection. He is a World War veteran, trained in Camp Ft. Wayne, Detroit, Mich., and ranked as Lieut. He married Luttie Freed, Nov. 23, 1911, at Newstark, Ohio. To them were born:

1—Alice, 1913. 2—Paul, 1916. 3—Clair, 1921. 4—Ralph, 1923.

### III—Estella N. Neiswander, Freed, Sixth Generation, Forest, Ohio.

Estella N. was born in Hancock Co., Ohio, June 7, 1890. She graduated from high school and Ohio Northern University. Taught school four years in Hancock Co. She married Frank Freed at Newstark, Ohio, Sept. 30, 1915. He is a dentist. To their home came:

1—Una Ruth, 1917. 2—Joe F., 1921. 3—Charles, 1918, died in 1920.

### IV—Claud R. Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Etymologist, Williamstown, Ohio.

Claud R. was born in Hancock Co., Ohio, Mar. 6, 1893. He graduated from the Ada high school, Ohio Northern University, Athena State and Ohio State Universities. Taught school four years at Arlington, Ohio. He is an etymologist. He was in the World War, trained in Camp Sherman, Ohio, rank 1st class private in the Medical Detachment. He was overseas 18 months. Whether in the fight is not stated. He married Hazel Wickerham at Williamstown, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1919. Born to them:

1—Russel, 1920, died Nov. 29, 1920, Seventh Generation.

### V—Ezra M. Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Veterinary, Kenton, Ohio.

Ezra M. was born in Hancock Co., Ohio, Sept. 7, 1894. He graduated from Ada high school, Ohio Northern University, and Ohio State University as a veterinary, and is now practicing at Kenton, Ohio. He married Alice Bushong in Hancock Co., Ohio, Sept. 14, 1916.

VI—Byron E. Neiswander, born Sept. 22, 1896, Sixth Generation. No other word.

VII—Ralph Neiswander, Sixth Generation, Farmer, 303 W. 7th Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Ralph was born in Hancock Co., Ohio, June 30, 1898. He graduated from Ada high school, Ohio Northern, and Ohio State Universities. He is now farming and still pursues a course of study. He married Fern Freed June 9, 1921. To their home came:

1—Ray, May 20, 1923, died Mar. 5, 1924, Seventh Generation.

VIII—Una D. Neiswander, born Aug. 2, 1902, died in infancy.

E—Sarah Neiswander, Basinger, Fifth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Sarah was born in Allen Co., Ohio, Oct. 19, 1868. She attended the "Stager" school. By baptism she joined the Ref. Mennonite Church in 1892. She married Noah C. Basinger at Bluffton, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1888. He died June 5, 1904, at Pandora, where they lived. To them were born:

1—Raymond Evan Basinger, Sixth Generation, Photographer, Forest, O.

Raymond E. was born in Pandora, Ohio, Mar. 25, 1889. He finished graded school. For 14 years he has been a photographer at Forest, Ohio. He married Elvina Zimmerly June 20, 1915. To them were born:

1—A girl, Apr. 4, 1916. 2—Raymond, C., Mar. 25, 1924, Seventh Generation.

II—Herbert Allen Basinger, born May 25, 1891. No other word.

III—Florence Agnes Basinger, Sutter, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Florence A. was born Aug. 1, 1893. She attended the "Diller" school. She married Jesse C. Sutter, Sept. 26, 1916, at Lima, Ohio. He was born Dec. 8, 1886. He is a farmer. Belongs to no church. To them was born in Putnam Co., Ohio:

1—Lysle Dean, Nov. 29, 1918, Seventh Generation.

IV—Waldo Ezra Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Waldo E. came to earth Oct. 8, 1895. Nothing further learned of him.

V—Willard Roy Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Willard R. entered the arena of time Jan. 28, 1898. No further report.

VI—Fanny Cath. Basinger, Stover, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, O.

Fanny C. commenced her journey of life Jan. 20, 1900. She married Floyd M. Stover at West Cairo, Ohio, Oct. 11, 1922.

### VII—Alberta Marie Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Alberta M. began her life Aug. 25, 1902. No further report.

## CHAPTER IV.

### Barbara Geiger, Spallinger, Fourth Generation, 1827-1907.

Barbara was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, July 14, 1827. She was married to Ulrich Spallinger of Putnam Co., Ohio, in 1853. She died Feb. 4, 1907. and he in 1863. She was married a second time, to Jacob Garmatter Sept. 17, 1865. With the first husband she had seven children and two with the second. Her children were born in Richland township, Allen Co., Ohio, namely:

### A—Mrs. Adam Spallinger, Steiner, Fifth Generation.

Mrs. Adam Spallinger, Christian name not given, was born Feb. 3, 1854. She was initiated into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church by baptism at Pandora, Ohio, in 1872. She was married to Adam Steiner Mar. 8, 1877. To them were born in Richland Tp., Allen Co., Ohio:

I—Josephine, 1878, died Apr. 13, this year.
II—Edwin, 1879, died Nov. 10, this year.
III—Albert, Sixth Generation. No other report.
IV—Lena, Sixth Generation. No other report.
V—Jesse, Sixth Generation. No other report.
VI—Fanny, Sixth Generation. No other report.

### VII—Aldine Steiner, Sixth Generation, Farmer.

Aldine was born Oct. 13, 1887. He was baptized and received into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1905. He was married to Luella Niswander May 9, 1922.

VIII—Bertha, Sixth Generation. No other report.
IX—Sarah, Sixth Generation. No other report.

### X—Cyrus Steiner, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Cyrus was born Dec. 1, 1891. He is a farmer. He was baptized and admitted into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1909. He has been a Sunday school teacher.

### XI—Ella Steiner, Moser, Sixth Generation.

Ellan was born Feb. 10, 1895. She was baptized in the Ebenezer

Mennonite Church in 1911. She was married to Willard Moser, Mar. 12, 1916. To them is born one son:

1—Marion Marcus, Nov. 25, 1917, Seventh Generation.

B—Anna Mary Spallinger, Amstutz, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Anna M. was born Dec. 22, 1855. Her school privileges were limited. She always lived on a farm. She joined the Mennonite Church in Allen Co., in 1875. She was married to David Amstutz in this county in 1878. He died May 26, 1910. To them were born in Allen Co., Ohio:

I—Bertha Amstutz, Matter, Sixth Generation.

Bertha was born Mar. 9, 1879. She attended country school. She married Albert I. Matter Jan. 3, 1903. He was born May 10, 1878. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Cleora, Dec. 29, 1908.
2—Faery, Feb. 21, 1911.
3—Holland, Jan. 16, 1913.
4—Ruth, Nov. 12, 1914.
5—Bernice, Jan. 1, 1919.

II—Martha Amstutz, Basinger, Sixth Generation.

Martha was born Apr. 16, 1881. She attended country school. She was baptized in 1918 and joined the Ref. Mennonite Church. She was married to Willis Basinger Nov., 1904, at Bluffton, Ohio. He was born Aug. 7, 1880, and died Nov. 8, 1918. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Vernon Lee, May 27, 1909.
2—Emory Donald, Feb. 21, 1911.
3—Gerald Arth., Feb. 24, 1914.
4—Leland Willis, Feb. 27, 1917.
5—Treva Martha, Nov. 27, 1918.

III—Aldine Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Aldine was born July 11, 1883. He only had common schooling. He married Sylvia Diller, June 10, 1920. She was born June 2, 1891. To them were born:

1—Mary Elizabeth, Aug. 24, 1922, Seventh Generation.
2—Herbert Lee, July 7, 1924, Seventh Generation.

IV—Fanny M. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, 1887-1922.

Fanny was born Mar. 25, 1887, and died Jan. 8, 1922. No other word.

V—Albert Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Albert came into being Apr. 8, 1888. He is married. Report did not say to whom and when. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Harold Lee, June 30, 1912.
2—Mary Eulala, July 13, 1913.
3—Ralph Levern, Apr. 11, 1915.
4—Landolene Ray, Feb. 19, 1917.
5—Howard Glenn, Aug. 8, 1918.
6—Wilford Jacob, Jan. 10, 1920.

VI—Calvin E. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Calvin was born July 28, 1890 at Bluffton, Ohio. Attended district school No. 5. For eight years he followed carpenter work. Now he is farming. By baptism he joined the Ebenezer Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1908. He married Amanda Bucher June 17, 1916, at Bluffton, Ohio. She was born Dec. 9, 1892, at Columbus Grove, Ohio. To them were born:

1—Bucilla Lucile, May 6, 1918, Seventh Generation.

2—Clayton Emmerson, Dec. 20, 1920, Seventh Generation. Died the same day.

VII—Lee Walter Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Cabinet-Maker, Findlay, O.

Lee Walter was born Jan. 31, 1898. Besides rural school he took a course in the I. C. School, Scranton, Pa. For nine years he has been a cabinet-maker at Findlay, Ohio, Lk. Co. He was baptized and admitted into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church at Pandora, in 1914, where he has been president of the C. E. Society. He married Hallie Basinger of Bluffton, Ohio, in 1921.

C—Magdalena Spallinger, Bucher, Fifth Generation.

Magdalena was born in 1857. She married Abraham Bucher, time not given. They belonged to the Mennonite Church. To them were born:

I—Lavina Bucher, Luginbuhl, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Lavina entered this life Feb. 14, 1886. She attended district school. By baptism she was received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1904 at Pandora, Ohio. She married Calvin Luginbuhl Mar. 3, 1908, at Bluffton, Ohio. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Ola, Dec. 16, 1908.
2—Vera, Sept. 28, 1910.
3—Norma, Aug. 20, 1912.
4—Esther, Feb. 11, 1915.
5—Delbert, Aug. 6, 1918.
6—Edna, Aug. 12, 1921.

II—Raymond Bucher, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

Raymond was born Apr. 20, 1896. He attended Cook school. He

farms. He married Jane Lemley, at Pandora, Ohio, Nov., 1915. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Winston, Apr. 13, 1917. 2—Carol, Dec. 26, 1920.

D—David Spallinger, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

David was born Sept. 27, 1859, in Richland Tp., Allen Co., Ohio. He attended country school. He was baptized and admitted into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1885. He is a farmer. He married Anna King of Putnam Co., Ohio, Dec. 6, 1888. Their children were all born in Putnam Co., Ohio, and all attended the Sheets district school:

I—Naomi Spallinger, Burkholder, Sixth Generation.

For her family history see Sec. 1, chapter I, letter B, item VIII, Louis Burkholder whom she married.

II—Ella Spallinger, Haas, Sixth Generation, New Washington, Ohio.

Ella entered this life Nov. 13, 1891. She just had a common schooling. By baptism she was received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Apr. 4, 1911, Pandora, Ohio. She married Walter Haas of Putnam Co., Ohio. Feb. 26, 1916. To their home came:

1—Anna LaDonna, Feb. 8, 1918, Hancock Co., Ohio, Seventh Generation.

2—Virgil Granville, July 27, 1921, Crawford Co., Ohio, Seventh Generation.

III—Chancy Spallinger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Beaverdam, Ohio.

Chancy was born Dec. 28, 1896. He has a rural schooling. He is a farmer. Was received by baptism into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church, Pandora, Ohio, in 1913. In the World War he was in training in Camp Sherman, Ohio, as private in the Medical Corps, and was here discharged June 17, 1919. He married Lulu C. Doty at Columbus Grove, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1921. To them came:

I—Lillian Elois, Jan. 2, 1922, Seventh Generation.

IV—Sybia Spallinger, Basinger, Sixth Generation, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Sybia began the path of life Sept. 10, 1898. By baptism she was received into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1916. She married Willard S. Basinger at Bluffton, Ohio, Mar. 25, 1923.

V—Homer Spallinger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Beaverdam, Ohio.

Homer began this life Jan. 28, 1901, and was baptized and received

into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Apr. 18, 1919. He married Elizabeth Augsburger of Bluffton, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1923. To them was born:

1—Samuel Paul, Nov. 28, 1923, at Beaverdam, O, Seventh Generation.

VI—Richard Spallinger, Sixth Generation. Received no report from him.

VII—Hiram Spallinger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Hiram was born Sept. 3, 1907. He farms. He married Irene Doty at Monroe, Mich., Apr. 26, 1924. To them was born in Putnam Co.:

1—Doris I., Nov. 6, 1924, Seventh Generation.

E—Fanny Spallinger, Gerber, Fifth Generation, 1861-1906.

Fanny entered life's pathway Apr. 13, 1861. She had common schooling. When a young woman she was received by baptism into the Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio. She married Daniel Gerber in 1886 at Bluffton. She died Dec. 24, 1906. To them were born in Allen Co., Ohio:

I—Amos Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Amos was born June 17, 1887. He has a rural schooling. He is a farmer. He was baptized and received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1906. He married Emma Keiner, at Bluffton, in 1919. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Lucile M., 1912. 2—Robert, 1914. Day of birth not given.

II—Clara Gerber, Habegger, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio, R. R. 2.

Clara was born July 19, 1890. She only attended common school. She was received by baptism into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1908. She married John R. Habegger, Sept. 2, 1916. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—J. Newlin, Sept. 27, 1917. 2—Clair Gerber, Nov. 9, 1920.

III—Mary Gerber, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Mary was born July 31, 1894. Received no further report.

F—Barbara Spallinger, Fifth Generation, 1863-1887.

Barbara entered this world Oct. 3, 1863. She died May 27, 1887. She was a daughter of Ulrich Spallinger and Barbara (Geiger) his wife.

G—Amos Garmatter, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Amos was born June 25, 1866, in Allen Co., Ohio. His mother's name was Barbara Geiger, Spallinger. He attended rural school only. By bap-

tism he was received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1888. He is a farmer. He married Rose Nussbaum Feb. 11, 1892, who was born at Berne, Ind., June 28, 1868, where she joined the Mennonite Church in 1887. To them were born in Allen Co., Ohio, where all went to the Hilty school, namely:

**I—Harvey Garmatter, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Columbus Grove, Ohio.**

Harvey was born Nov. 2, 1895. He is a farmer. Received baptism and membership in the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1914. In the World War he was trained in Camp Jackson, S. C., as private in Artillery Dept. He was overseas six months in several camps. Was not called to the front. He was discharged in Camp Sherman, Ohio, May, 1919.

**II—Gideon Garmatter, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Gideon was born Nov. 16, 1898. For a time he did shop work in Mansfield, Ohio, and Detroit, Mich. Now he is farming. By baptism he was received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Apr, 2, 1915.

**III—William Garmatter, Sixth Generation, Mechanic, Columbus Grove, O.**

Wm. was born Aug. 29, 1900. He attended Sweeny Auto School, Kansas City, Mo. He farmed until 1923, when he became a mechanic. He received baptism and membership in the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Apr. 2, 1915.

**IV—Mrs. Dwight (Garmatter), Deeds, Sixth Generation, 18 Chestnut St., Mansfield, Ohio.**

Mrs. Deeds, Christian name not given, was born Apr. 14, 1902. She received baptism and membership in the Ebenezer Mennonite Church May 17, 1918. Later she transferred to the U. B. Church. She made a trip to Florida for pleasure. She married Dwight W. Deeds of Lima, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1919. He is a member of the U. B. Church. To them were born:

**Seventh Generation**

1—Minard Allison. 2—Samuel. 3—Marjorie Aloise. Time of birth not given.

**V—Eli Garmatter, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Columbus Grove, Ohio.**

Eli entered this life Jan. 4, 1905. Graduated in the Bluffton high school in 1923 He is now farming farther's farm. Received baptism and membership in the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Apr. 18, 1920.

VI—Walter Garmatter, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Columbus, Ohio:

Walter was born Nov. 23, 1906. He farms in Allen Co., Ohio. He was baptized and admitted into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Apr. 20, 1924.

VII—A still born boy, Oct. 4, 1908, Sixth Generation.

VIII—Viola Garmatter, Sixth Generation.

Viola was initiated into this life Sept. 24, 1910. She is now in school.

H—Elizabeth Garmatter, Fifth Generation.

Elizabeth was born June 11, 1868, and died May 22, 1880. She was a daughter of Barbara Geiger, Spallinger, Garmatter.

## CHAPTER V.

Peter Geiger, Fourth Generation.

Peter was born May 13, 1829, son of John Geiger and Barbara Welty, his wife. He died Mar. 13, 1831.

## CHAPTER VI.

Peter Geiger, Fourth Generation, 1831-1905.

This Peter Geiger was born on the same day, Mar. 13, 1831, when his brother Peter died, hence he inherited this name in memory of this one who died. It seems he was married late in life to Maria Beam, Sept. 9, 1888. They lived in Canada. He died Mar. 14, 1905. She had preceded him Nov. 3, 1902. They had no children.

## CHAPTER VII.

Anna Geiger, Studer, Fourth Generation, 1834-1907.

Anna Geiger was born Aug. 9, 1834. She was married to Christian Studer Mar. 5, 1861. They belonged to the Mennonite Church. She died Mar. 5, 1907. To them were born at Whitehouse, Fulton Co., Ohio:

A—John C. Studer, Fifth Generation, Merchant, Whitehouse, Ohio.

John C. was born Feb. 12, 1864. He obtained a fair rural schooling, and Normal training in Wauseon, Ohio. He has followed general Mdse. and hardware business for 20 years at Whitehouse, but now only hardware and implements. He married Maud Werner, Apr. 2, 1899. To them were born:

I—Helen Lenore, Feb. 1900, Sixth Generation, died, Aug. 22, 1900.
II—Donald Kenneth, Oct. 31, 1903, Sixth Generation.
III—Dora Jean, Apr. 8, 1919, Sixth Generation.

**B—Eliza Studer, Rupp, Fifth Generation, Whitehouse, Ohio.**

Eliza was born Aug. 26, 1865. She received baptism and membership in the Reformed Mennonite Church at Whitehouse, Apr., 1885. She married Peter Rupp Jan. 8, 1885. To them were born:

I—Seymour, July 22, 1887, Sixth Generation, died Feb. 8, 1903.
II—Emma, Apr. 26, 1889, Sixth Generation.

**C—Fanny Studer, Fiscus, Fifth Generation, 2353 Auburn Ave, Toledo, O.**

Fanny entered this life July 8, 1867. She attended school in Lucas Co., Ohio. She was married to Henry Fiscus at Whitehouse, Ohio, 1892. They live in Toledo, Ohio. Have no children.

**D—Sarah L. Studer, Sower, Fifth Generation, 3247 Monroe St., Toledo, O.**

Sarah L. entered the path of life Oct. 4, 1869. Went to public school in Lucas Co., Ohio. She married Benj. F. Sower at Wauseon, Ohio, in 1889. They live in Toledo, Ohio. To them were born:

I—Voyl C., Sixth Generation.
II—Wava V., Sixth Generation.

**E—Magdalena Studer, Noble, Fifth Generation, Whitehouse, Ohio.**

Magdalena was born Nov. 20, 1872. She attended district, and Whitehouse high school. She married Alonzo Noble at Whitehouse, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1896, where they lived on a farm 28 years. To them are born at Whitehouse, Ohio:

I—Paul A. Noble, Sept. 7, 1897, Sixth Generation. No other report.

**II—Clyde S. Noble, Sixth Generation, Laborer, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Clyde S. was born Nov. 25, 1900. He graduated from the Whitehouse high school in 1918. He was baptized and united with the M. E. Church in 1922. He did both farming and factory work. Now he works for the Page Dairy Co., Bluffton, Ohio. He married Gladys Mesnard at Maumee, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1922. To them came:

1—Evelyn, June 23, 1923, Seventh Generation.

III—Herman A. Noble, Nov. 1, 1911, Sixth Generation.

**F—Mary Ann Studer, Billing, Fifth Generation, Whitehouse, Ohio.**

Mary A. was born Sept. 1, 1875. She has a common school education. She was married to Conrad Billing, at Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 9, 1899. They have lived on a farm 23 years. To their home came:

Sixth Generation

I—Claudia V., June 24, 1900.
II—Valiria G., May 10, 1903.
III—Theo. C., May 6, 1906.
IV—Elizabeth A., Nov. 26, 1911.
V—Howard L., Aug. 2, 1914.

### G—Rose Studer, Disher, Fifth Generation, 1879-1910.

Rose was initiated to this life, Mar. 13, 1879. She graduated from the Whitehouse high school May, 1898. She was married to Dee Disher, at her home, Feb. 21, 1903. He was born here also June 23, 1879, and graduated from the same high school, and at the same time. He taught school four years. Then he worked for the Adams Express Co., for one year. After marriage he took up truck farming on the Bay Shore Road east of Toledo. Three years later he bought a farm south of Whitehouse, Ohio, and farmed it until he died Apr. 15, 1914. She died Oct. 13, 1910. To them were born:

I—Anna Geiger, Feb. 1, 1904, Sixth Generation, Bay Shore Road, O.
II—Dora Rose, July 6, 1906, Sixth Generation, Whitehouse, Ohio.

### H—Mrs. V. E. Bradley (Studer), Fifth Generation, Whitehouse, Ohio.

Mrs. Bradley (Christian name not given) was born July 19, 1881. She has a common school education. She was married to V. E. Bradley at Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1906. To their home came:

Sixth Generation

I—Mary L., July 6, 1907.
II—Helen A., Mar. 14, 1910.
III—Robert O., Nov. 27, 1912.
IV—Verne, Jan. 9, 1914.
V—Louise E., Feb. 7, 1917.
VI—Ernest, Feb. 7, 1917.

Numbers V and VI are twins.

### I—Caroline Studer, Ruhm, Fifth Generation.

Caroline's birthday was not given. Born at Bluffton, Ohio. She has a common schooling. She married Charles Ruhm at Whitehouse, Ohio, Jan. 23, 1883. She died May 25, 1908, leaving two children born at Whitehouse, Ohio:

Sixth Generation

I—Mabel, Nov. 11, 1883.
II—Sadie, May 26, 1886.

## CHAPTER VIII

### Fredrick Geiger, Fourth Generation, 1838-1916.

Fredrick was born Oct. 17, 1838. He was the son of Barbara Welty,

wife of John Geiger. He was married to Elizabeth Hilty, Feb. 22, 1864. He died Jan. 17, 1916. To them were born:

### A—Amos A. Geiger, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Amos A. was born Feb. 13, 1864. He attended school at Bluffton, Ohio. For 19 years he was in the telephone business at Bluffton, Bellefontaine, Ada, and Benton, Ohio. He received baptism and membership in the Zion Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio, in 1885. He married Nancy Steiner, daughter of Rev. C. P. Steiner, of Bluffton, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1890. She was born Oct. 21, 1870, and baptized in 1885 and joined the Zion Mennonite Church. To them were born:

### I—Louella Geiger, Schmitt, Sixth Generation, Mausoria, Calif.

Louella was born Feb. 9, 1892, at Bluffton, Ohio, where she graduated from the high school; from Bluffton College; Goshen College, Ind.; and Chicago University in music. Then she taught music in Bluffton, Columbus Grove and Shaumee, Ohio, and Santa Fe, N. Mex. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio, in 1911. She married Dr. E. C. Schmitt at Bluffton, Ohio, Nov. 4, 1920. To them was born at Santa Barbara, Calif.:

1—Kenneth Alan, July 17, 1922, Seventh Generation.

II—Arthur, Oct. 21, 1895, Sixth Generation, at Bluffton, Ohio.

III—Stanley, Dec. 24, 1898, Sixth Generation, at Bluffton, Ohio.

IV—Lillian, June 11, 1904, Sixth Generation, at Bellefontaine, Ohio.

V—Josephine, Sept. 20, 1910, Sixth Generation, at Bellefontaine, Ohio.

### B—Pauline Geiger, Bixel, Fifth Generation, 1866-1923.



Mrs. Pauline Geiger Bixel

Pauline was born in Paulding Co., Ohio, Apr. 10, 1866. She died Apr. 3, 1923. She had a graded school training. As a young woman she was baptized and became a member of the Zion Mennonite Church. She was married to Peter Bixel Apr. 4, 1889, at Bluffton, Ohio, when she joined the Swiss Mennonite Church. He was born Nov. 17, 1863. His father's name was Peter and mother's Fanny Sutter. He joined church in 1883, and served as trustee, S. S. Supt. and teacher. He farmed up to 1924. To them were born in Allen Co. Ohio:

### I—Lester H. Bixel, Sixth Generation, Missionary in Africa.



REV. LESTER BIXEL

Lester H. entered the pathway of life Feb. 5, 1890. Besides graded school, he has an Academic school education, and two years in Bluffton College, Ohio. Then he attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and graduated in 1916. Since 1921 he has been a missionary at Charlesville, West Central Africa, in Belgian territory, thus working in the Lord's kingdom. In 1924-25 he attended the Witmarsum Theological Seminary, where he received the Th. B. degree. He was baptized and became a member of the Swiss Mennonite Church in 1905, and served as S. S. teacher and Y. P. Society president. He traveled from coast to coast in America; also Paris, Obers Aspach, Alsace, in France; London, England and Belgium. He was married to Alma C. Diller, at Charlesville, Africa, May 23, 1924. She was born Dec. 8, 1887, at Columbus Grove, Ohio. Her father's name was David D. Diller, and mother's Susan Hochstettler. In 1924-25 they were again in America on an 18-mo. furlough. They returned to their mission field Mar. 20, 1926, sailing from New York City, to be gone for five years. Mar. 7, 1926, a farewell service was given them in the Ebenezer Mennonite Church, under pastor E. J. Neuenschwander.

### II—Waldo E. Bixel, Sixth Generation, Silverton, Ore.

Waldo E. was born Apr. 1, 1892. Finishing graded school he attended a watchmaker school in Chicago. Since then he has worked as farmer, watchmaker and painter. In 1906 he became a member of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in which he served as C. E. Society president. He entered married life with Eulalia P. Kohli Aug. 12, 1920, daughter of Daniel Kohli. To this union were born:

1—Waldo, Jr., Jan. 28, 1922, Seventh Generation.

2—Vernetta Pauline, Jan. 29, 1923, Seventh Generation.

3—Frederick Jean, Sept. 21, 1924, Seventh Generation.

III—Fred R. Bixel, Sixth Generation, 1895-1918.



FRED R. BIXEL

Fred R. was born Apr. 27, 1895. Besides graded school he had three years of Academy work in the Bluffton College, Ohio. He was baptized and received into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church in 1910, where he served as S. S. teacher and as president of the C. E. Society of the church. He worked on the farm until he was mustered into the World War service. He was trained in Camp Sherman, at Chillicothe, Ohio, as a private in Base Hospital Work. Here he took sick and died, Apr. 27, 1918.

IV—Raymond Bixel, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Raymond was born Feb. 6, 1896. He graduated from the Bluffton high school May, 1924. He is now engaged mostly in farming. He received baptism and reception into the Ebenezer Mennonite Church Apr. 18, 1920, and has served as president of the Junior Y. P. Society of the church.

V—Clara Mae Bixel, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Clara began her earthly walk Sept. 27, 1897. Having finished the public schools she had three years' academy work in the Bluffton College, and one year seminary work at Witmarsum T. S. She is employed as seamstress and general housework. She received baptism and reception into the St. John's Mennonite Church in 1911, where she has served as S. S. teacher and C. E. Society president.

VI—Richard E. Bixel, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bluffton, Ohio.

Richard E. commenced his career in life Jan. 27, 1902. Besides graded

school he has had two years of high school work. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1916. His employment is farming and road building.

VII—Lillian Bixel was born Dec. 23, 1904, and died Feb. 28, 1905.

### C—Menno Geiger, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Menno was born near Columbus Grove, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1870. He attended the Bluffton public schools. He is in the lumber business at Bluffton. As a young man he joined the Mennonite Church of this place in which he has served as trustee and S. S. teacher. He united in marriage with Barbara A. Luginbuhl, Oct. 30, 1909 in the Reformed Church, Bluffton. To them were born here:

### I—Maynard L. Geiger, Sixth Generation.

Maynard was born May 12, 1910. He was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church. He is now attending the Bluffton high school.

### II—Donovan F. Geiger, Sixth Generation.

Donovan entered this life Jan. 8, 1912. He is baptized and a member of the Mennonite Church. He is now a Junior in the Bluffton high school.

### III—Magdalena E. Geiger, Sixth Generation.

Magdalena E. came to be July 3, 1916, and is now attending graded schools.

### D—Emma Geiger, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Emma entered this life at Bluffton, Ohio, Dec. 13, 1874. Here she attended public school. She has followed clerking for 23 years, but is now a housekeeper. When 16 years old she was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church in which she has served as S. S. teacher. She has chosen the single path of life.

## CHAPTER IX

### Magdalena Geiger, Hilty, Fourth Generation, 1842-1913.

Magdalena was born June 14, 1842, and died Sept., 1913. She had a rural school education, with the "Bible as text-book". She was a dressmaker at Bluffton, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill. She traveled over central and western states. She married Peter Hilty Dec. 31, 1861, in Allen Co., Ohio. He died Aug. 1, 1879. She joined the Lutheran Grace Church, Chicago, Ill. Her children give her this tribute regarding her life: "After her hus-

band's death she fulfilled the duty of two parents in the rearing of her four children. She faced her task with a quiet steadfastness, and devotion and a deep abiding faith, not as the soldier on the field of battle, who faces death, but with a deeper, finer courage to wage the battle of life; this at a time when the reward was meager from the productive soil, and the economic field in the town was still practically closed to women. Of such, are the real, great heroic figures of the earth. Blessed is her memory." To this union were born:

**A—Lewis Peter Hilty, Fifth Generation.**

Lewis P. was born in Paulding Co., Ohio, Dec. 11, 1862, and died June 19, 1871.

**B—Lavina Josephine Hilty, Maar, Fifth Generation, Chicago, Ill., 1219 Wrightwood Ave.**

Lavina J. was born near Junction, Paulding Co., Ohio, Feb. 16, 1865. She attended Bluffton high school in 1883. Then she taught school here and later took up real estate work in Chicago, Ill. She joined the Lutheran Church at Bluffton, Ohio, but now her religious belief is "Independent". She was a member of the Lutheran Committee Exhibit, Woman's Work, and of the Lutheran Committee Woman's Auxiliary, World Congress of Religion, at the World's Columbia Exposition in 1893, in Chicago, Ill. She also was an organizer and secretary of Lutheran Women's International League, 1894. Also helped to organize, and worked on various committees, the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, and No Vote, No Tax League, in 1913. Her present work is "World Peace through Outlawry of War". She was married in 1889 to Wm. H. D. Maar, of Bluffton, Ohio. They live at 1219 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

**C—Katharine Anna Hilty, Fifth Generation, Dressmaker, Chicago, Ill., 1219 Wrightwood Ave.**

Katharine A. was born Oct. 8, 1866, in Paulding Co., Ohio. She attended school at Paulding, Defiance, and Bluffton, Ohio. She graduated in Teachers' Training Course, International S. S. Association. She is a dressmaker. She was baptized when 12 years old, and joined the Grace Lutheran Church in Chicago, Ill., in 1892. She served as S. S. teacher. She has traveled the central states. Resides at 1219 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

**D—Mary Ellen Hilty, Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.**

Mary E. entered the arena of life in Paulding Co., Ohio, Jan. 8, 1868.

She attended the Bluffton high school. She was baptized in 1894, and joined the Grace Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill. Served as S. S. teacher, and is a member of the Missionary Aid Society at Bluffton, Ohio. She married Albert L. Baumgartner at Chicago, June 24, 1896. He is a clothier at Bluffton, and a member of the Committee of School Education. He also is a member of the Lutheran Church here. Here he was born Feb. 28, 1871. To them were born in Bluffton, Ohio:

### I—Lysle Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Merchant, Bluffton, Ohio.

Lysle was initiated to life Mar. 29, 1897. He obtained his education in his native town and training as a merchant in his father's business. He was married to Edyth Bogart, June 24, 1919. She was born Feb. 20, 1898, Bluffton, Ohio. To their home came:

1. Neil Fredrich, June 4, 1920, Seventh Generation.
2—Luella Jeanne, July 7, 1922, Seventh Generation.

### II—Dr. Donavin Albert Baumgartner, Sixth Generation.

Donavin A. began his earthly career Apr. 24, 1898. He is a graduate of the Bluffton College, and Western Reserve Medical School of Cleveland, Ohio. He married Bonnie Steiner, June 20, 1920. She, too, is a graduate of Bluffton College. He is now practicing medicine at East Cleveland, Ohio. His degree is M. D.

### III—Magdalena Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Cleveland, Ohio.

Magdalena began the trials of life in Bluffton, Ohio, June 12, 1901. She is a graduate of the Bluffton College. She gave her hand in marriage to Kennion K. Kauffman June 24, 1924. He is studying law in Western Reserve College, Cleveland, Ohio. Member of the Christian Church.

### IV—Allen Lee Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Allen L. began his earthly march Aug. 10, 1903. He is a graduate of Bluffton high school and Bluffton College. He now teaches high school at Sterling, Ohio. He was married to Marcine McDowell June 13, 1926. She was born July 10, 1903, Ottawa, Ohio. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

### V—Elizabeth Sarah Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Elizabeth S. started on her life's pathway in Bluffton, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1908. She finished Bluffton high school. She is now a freshman in Bluffton College, Ohio. She also belongs to the Lutheran Church.

**E—Fredrick E. Hilty, Fifth Generation, Realtor, Chicago, Ill., 1219 Wrightwood Ave.**

Frederick was born at Paulding Center, Paulding Co., Ohio, Nov. 5, 1872. He is a graduate of Bluffton high school. For some time he was a professional salesman. Now he is in real estate and insurance business He was baptized as a child in the Lutheran Church in Chicago, Ill. His religious belief is "Independent". He has traveled through central and southern states. He resides 1219 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

# BOOK II.

History of

ULRICH WELTY, SECOND GENERATION

Ancestor of 1047 Persons to Date, 1926.

Including

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"Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." Job 14:1, 2.

Our ancestors left us their model of life. What heritage will we leave for our posterity? S. H. B.

## Ulrich Welty, Second Generation, 1753-1839.

This Ulrich was born at Tscheiwo (in French Chaluet), in Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1753. He was the second son of his father Ulrich, who was born in 1728. He had two brothers, Nicklaus, the oldest, and Jacob, the youngest. Among the fourth and fifth generation the Ulrich of this sketch was commonly called "der alte Uli". He was married twice, first to Barbara Lehman, of Wattenwyl, Worb, Canton Bern, Switzerland, about 1776. They lived in Buederswyl, Vogtei Signau at Langnau, Canton Bern. She died Jan. 10, 1793. His second marriage was with Barbara Bichsel. Date not known. They lived at Tscheiwo (Chaluet) where they were tenants, and were in very limited circumstances. He departed this life in 1839, age 86 years. No record found of the death of his second wife. With his first wife he had five children: Peter, Christian, Katharina,

Barbara and Anna; with his second: John, Magdalena, and Verena and Katharina, twins. A brief history of the children here follows as best we could get it from old authentic records, but only kept fragmentary.

## SECTION I.

### Peter Welty, Third Generation, 1778-1836.

Peter was born at Tscheiwo, (French Chaluet) Oberamt Münster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 21, 1778. This place is located between two mountain ranges of the Bernese Jura. This district was then chiefly French Protestant, and the language French, or "Potois", whereas the ancestral language of the Welty family, originally spelled Wälti, was the Emmenthal Swiss German, or "Bernerdutsch". He was married to Barbara Gerber of Bareyg, Langnau, Canton Bern, May 7, 1820. She was born in 1788, and was a daughter of Michael Gerber and Anna Boestlinger, his wife. She died Apr. 1, 1836, age 48 years. He died July 26, 1836, age 58 years, of tuberculosis. His citizenship papers were issued May 15, 1820. They came to America in 1824, and lived in Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, where there was a Swiss settlement. To them were born:

## CHAPTER I.

### Ulrich Welty, Fourth Generation, 1821-1876.



ULRICH WELTY

Ulrich was born June 8, 1821, in Tscheiwo (French, Chaluet) Amt Münster, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He immigrated to America with his parents in 1824. He was married to Maria Lehman Dec. 10, 1846, by Rev. Peter Schneck, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She was a daughter of Abraham Lehman and his wife Maria. Both were baptized Mär. 31, 1839. She died Dec. 13, 1913. In 1868 they moved to Moniteau Co., Mo., where he died July 24, 1876. This person was a school teacher, and kept a brief history of the Welty's. The following information the compiler received by the courtesy of N. G. Fankhauser, husband of a granddaughter of Ulrich. "U." and his brother, Christian, were noted as the most intelligent men in the Swiss Sonnenberg Mennonite settlement. When the Civil War broke out, these two

often had to act as "go-betweens", when drafting for the army was in order. The Sonnenbergers, of course, all claimed exemption on the ground of their religious belief in non-resistance, but were in most cases, helpless to meet with the government officials. So the two Welty's, especially "Uli", who was most conversant with the English language, and could best plead their cause before officialdom, acted as interpreter and advocate. And in many other ways "Uli" had to act as aid, as in obtaining marriage licenses, and license to teach school. But on the other hand, these two also became unpopular at times with the Swiss settlement people, because they supported Lincoln in his war measures. The settlement was strongly anti-Lincoln in sentiment. In the Mennonite Church affairs, he, too, was a leading figure, not because he sought to be so, but because leadership was literally thrust upon him. He was also noted for his ready wit and humor. The following verses were the spontaneous outflow of his humor on the occasion of building a new "meeting house" in Sonnenberg, early in the sixties of the last century:

DER KIRCHENBAU AUF SOLISAU.

Auf Solisau, auf Solisau,
Da schreitet man zum Kirchenbau,
Das alte Haus ist viel zu klein,
Es muss ein' neue Kirche sein.

Die guten Leut' versammeln sich,
Im alten Hause männiglich.
Man ratet hin, man ratet her,
Was etwa gut und schicklich wär'.

Der ein' meint das, der andre dies,
Keiner ist seiner Sach gewiss.
Du, was meinst, wie wird's getan?
Red't einer, so fängt alles an.

Doch endlich kommt man überein,
Es müsse neu gebauet sein.
An Gut und Geld es nicht gebricht;
Gib DU recht viel, so brauch ich nicht.

Drei Männer stellt man jetzo an,
Nun! Geht an's Werk, macht einen Plan.
So nach der Lehrer Rat und Will'
Macht es! Und jederman sei still!

Die Männer machen einen Plan
Und leben in dem süssen Wahn,
Ihr Werk sei gut, dieweil es hat
Der Lehrer Beistimmung und Rat.

Die Sonne scheint, die Zeit eilt hin,
Sechs Monat' sind jetzt schon dahin;
Bisher ging's gut, doch jetz' geht's an,
Vergessen ist Beschluss und Plan.

Wie überall, so gibt's do Leut',
Die denken mor'n und reden heut',
Und sieht man etwas nicht gleich ein,
So muss's "unübersinnet" sein.

Jetzt kommt daher Hans Publikum,
Petite, der sagt: "Das ist doch dum'"!
Hät' man das so und so gemacht,
Es wär' viel besser angebracht.

Einer meint das, der andere dies;
Jeder ist seiner Sache gewiss;
Meint, es müss gleich geändert sein,
Warum? Ei, weil ich's eben mein!

Dem einen ist es viel zu lang,
Ein anderer lobt ihm ein' Kreuzgang,
Der meint, es sei doch viel zu hoch,
Und jener möcht' es höher noch.

Die Bänk, die Bänk, o Missgeschick!
Sie schaden meinem zarten Rück'.
Drei Fenster hätten's sollen sein
Am Giebelend, oder nur ein.

Das arme Direktorium
Ob solchem Lärm wird halber sturm;
Aus lauter Schreck vergisst man gar
Zu ändern. So bleibt's wie es war.

Auf Solisau, auf Solisau,
Vollendet ist der Kirchenbau:
Gross, einfach, ohne Stolz und Pracht,
Ist er durch Gottes Hilf gebracht.

Solisau is the poetical expression for Sonnenberg.

Following are the children and further descendants of Ulrich and Maria Lehman Welty:

A—Katharina Welty, born Sept. 24, 1842, and died Dec. 8, 1846.

**B—Peter Lehman Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer, 1844-1880.**

Peter L. Welty was born Oct. 7, 1844, in Wayne Co., Ohio. His chief vocation was farming until his death in Missouri, June 6, 1880. He moved to Missouri in 1867. He was married to Elizabeth Lehman Feb 27, 1868, near Fortuna, Mo. She was born Oct. 13, 1847, in Wayne Co., Ohio. Both received a rural school education. As young people they were baptized and joined the Mennonite Church on Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio. She died Aug. 9, 1917. Both, father and mother, had a cheerful disposition, and a good Christian character which made a lasting and wholesome impression upon the children. To them were born:

I—Elizabeth Welty, born and died Feb. 8, 1869, Sixth Generation.

**II—Mary Louisa Welty, Gerber, Sixth Generation.**

Mary L. entered the path of life near Fortuna, Mo., Feb. 9, 1870, where she obtained a rural school education. She always did domestic work. She received Christian baptism and reception into the Bethel Mennonite Church near Fortuna, Mo., Apr. 8, 1887. For years she has taught the Women's Bible Class in the S. S. She was married Dec. 14, 1893, to John Francis Gerber of Fortuna, Mo. He was born Sept. 18, 1869, near Versailles, Mo., where he obtained district schooling, and where he followed farming. He received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church near Fortuna, Mo., Apr. 8, 1887. In this church he has been a trustee and S. S. teacher for many years. Together they made a trip to Ohio, where they attended a church conference. To them were born at Versailles, Mo.:

**1—Ira Louis, Gerber, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Mo.**

Ira L. was initiated into this life June 16, 1896. He had rural and one year of high schooling. He was baptized and received into the Bethel Mennonite Church, near Fortuna, Mo., Apr. 14, 1911. He united in marriage with Bertha Ann Moser, Aug. 15, 1920. This year they took a pleasure trip to the West. She was baptized and received into his church Apr. 10, 1914. She graduated in the California high school, Mo., and then taught school. She was born Oct. 15, 1898. They are farmers. To them came:

a—Clarice Marie, Dec. 19, 1921, Eighth Generation.

2—Elizabeth Frances Gerber, Aeschbacher, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Mo.

Elizabeth F. began her walk of life Jan. 13, 1899. She completed the graded school, and graduated from the California high school, Mo. Then she taught in rural schools. She was baptized and admitted to the Bethel Mennonite Church near Fortuna, Mo., Apr. 10, 1914. She married Aubra Lee Aeschbacher Nov. 5, 1922. He was born Jan. 24, 1895, and baptized and received into her church Apr. 14, 1911. He has a rural schooling, and served as S. S. teacher in the Junior department. They are farmers. To their home came:

a—Mary Frances Aeschbacher, Aug. 26, 1924, Eighth Generation.

3—Roy Christian Gerber, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Mo.

Roy C. entered this life Mar. 22, 1904 He completed graded school and had one year of Versailles high school work. He was baptized and united with the Bethel Mennonite Church near Fortuna, Mo., Sept. 7, 1918. He assists father in farming. He is now president of the C. E. Society in the church.

4—Ruth Barbara Gerber, Seventh Generation.

Ruth B. entered the arena of life May 19, 1909. She graduated from the district school and is now a Junior in the Versailles H. S. She was baptized and received into the Bethel Mennonite Church near Fortuna, Mo., Oct. 31, 1920.

III—Caroline Docia Welty, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Versailles, Mo.

Caroline D. entered this life near Versailles, Mo., May 3, 1873. She obtained her education in Fortuna West View graded school. She always did domestic work. She was baptized and admitted into the Bethel Mennonite Church near Fortuna, Mo., Mar. 31, 1893. She entered married life with Edw. E. Lehman Dec. 3, 1896, in Bethel Church. He was born Dec. 6, 1872, at Versailles, Mo. He was baptized Apr. 19, 1895, and belongs to her church. He received his schooling at Providence public school. He is a farmer. To them came at Versailles, Mo.:

1—Gertrude Lucreta Lehman, Seventh Generation, Hospital Work, Park, Mo.

Gertrude L. came to this world Oct. 17, 1897. She was baptized and admitted to membership in the Bethel Mennonite Church near Fortuna,

Mo., Apr. 10, 1914. She graduated from the Providence graded school in 1916. In 1917 she started to Versailles high school, but due to illness had to quit. In 1924, she worked at a school in St. Louis, Mo., but now (1925) in a Children's Hospital at Ridge Farm Valley, Park, Mo.

2—Lewis Webster Lehman, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Booker, Tex.

Lewis W. began this life Aug. 29, 1899. He received baptism and reception into the Bethel Mennonite Church at Fortuna, Mo., Apr. 16, 1914. He obtained his schooling in the Providence graded school. At present he farms at Booker, Texas.

3—Luther James Lehman, Seventh Generation, Employee, Kansas City, Mo.

Luther James was born Oct. 7, 1901. He received baptism and membership in the Bethel Mennonite Church at Fortuna, Mo. He graduated from Newton high school, and had a year of Bethel College work Newton, Kansas. He is at present (1925) engaged in a surgical instrument house in Kansas City, Mo.

4—Kieffer Roland Lehman, Seventh Generation.

Kieffer R. entered this life Apr. 24, 1907. He received baptism and reception into the Bethel Mennonite Church, Fortuna, Mo., Oct. 31, 1920. He graduated from the Providence public school June 3, 1924, and is now a Sophomore in Versailles high school.

5—Dana Lyman Lehman, Seventh Generation.

Dana L. began his earthly life Apr. 26, 1909. He received baptism and membership in the Bethel Mennonite Church at Fortuna, Mo., Oct. 31, 1920. He finished the Providence public school, and is now in Versailles high school.

6—Marguerite was still born May 24, 1914.

IV—Joseph C. Welty, Sixth Generation, born Dec. 2, 1875, died Sept. 3, 1876.

V—Bertha Ruth Welty, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Fortuna Mo., Poultry Business.

Bertha R. began her life near Fortuna, Mo., Oct. 27, 1877. She attended the West View school. She always lived on the farm. She is particularly engaged in poultry raising. She was baptized and received into the Bethel Mennonite Church, at Fortuna, Apr. 12, 1895. She was

married Dec. 23, 1897, to Christian G. Hofstetter at the bride's home. He was born June 21, 1872, near Elkton, Mo. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church near his birthplace Apr. 15, 1892. He is farming, threshing, lumbersawing, shredding, and cooking sorghum. Here were born to them:

1—Pearl Edith Hofstetter, Seventh Generation.

Pearl E. began her activities Dec. 27, 1898. She was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1914. She is a graduate of public schools, and of a music school May 1, 1922. She is at home.

2—Orrie Lewis Hofstetter, Seventh Generation, Auto Repair Work, Fortuna, Mo.

Orrie L. began this life July 7, 1900. He received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church, Sept. 1, 1918. He is a graduate of the public schools. He is engaged in business with his father, and also works with him in their General Automobile and Machinery Repair Shop.

3—Gideon Chester Hofstetter, Seventh Generation, Auto Repair Work, Fortuna, Mo.

Gideon C. entered the world Feb. 12, 1903, and received baptism and membership in the Mennonite Church, Sept. 1, 1918. He graduated in the public schools. He is in business with his father and brother.

4—Mary Elizabeth Hofstetter, Seventh Generation, Fortuna, Mo.

Mary E. was born June 20, 1907. She received baptism and was admitted into the Mennonite Church Oct. 31, 1920. She graduated in the public schools. She is at home.

5—Ivan James Hofstetter, Seventh Generation.

Ivan J. was born May 4, 1909, and baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Oct. 31, 1920. He is still in school.

6—Wilbert Wilson Hofstetter, Seventh Generation

Wilbert W. began the trials of life Jan. 16, 1913. He is in school.

7—Ruth Caroline Hofstetter, Seventh Generation.

Ruth C. entered life's pathway April 16, 1916. She is going to school.

8—Pauline Viola Hofstetter, Seventh Generation, was born Apr. 3, 1918. Is in school.

9—Joseph Earl Hofstetter was born Aug. 26, 1924, and died the same day.

### C—Barbara Salome Welty (Mrs. Rev. P. P. Lehman), Fifth Generation, 1846-1894.

Barbara S. entered her path of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 14, 1846. She obtained a rural school education. In 1863 she became by baptism a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio. On Feb. 6, 1868, she was married to Peter P. Lehman of Fortuna, Mo. He was born at Dalton, Ohio, Mar. 12, 1846. His parents were natives of Switzerland. At the age of 18 he joined the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. In 1866 he moved to Missouri, where he became a member of the Bethel Mennonite Church in Morgan Co. In 1871 this church elected him to the Gospel ministry. He felt the need of better mental preparation to efficiently serve in this important capacity, and, therefore, in 1872, he attended Wadsworth College in Wadsworth, Ohio. In 1873 he began preaching the Gospel to the Bethel Mennonite Church. Pastors then, in this church, were not financially remunerated for service given, hence he continued farming his 200-acre farm. He was pastor of this congregation for 32 consecutive years. This was a long useful and fruitful ministry, and many will call him blessed when the last reckoning will be called for. She departed this life Jan. 21, 1894, and he Mar. 27, 1919. He was married a second time, this time to Barbara P. Soldner of Berne, Ind., in 1900. To the first union were born in Morgan Co., Mo., all the children, except the first one, who was born in Moniteau Co., namely:

I—Joel Edwin Lehman, born Dec. 18, 1868, and passed away in 1869.

### II—Clara M. Lehman, Sixth Generation, Supt. P. D. of S. S., Versailles, Missouri.

Clara M. entered life's pathway Jan. 12, 1870. She obtained a rural school education. By baptism she was initiated into the Bethel Mennonite Church near Versailles, Mo., when a young woman. She evidenced great interest in the activities of the church and was duly appointed as superintendent of the Primary Department of the S. S., which position she has held since 1905, excepting one year. Thus it is seen that the church reposed great confidence in her Christian qualifications, and mental adaptability for this important work. She is unmarried.

### III—Albert William Lehman, Sixth Generation, Farmer, 1872-1901.

Albert Wm. came to this world July 22, 1872. He was educated in Morgan Co., Mo. When a young man he received baptism and reception into the Bethel Mennonite Church. He was married to Bertha B. Garber,

Dec. 3, 1896, and passed beyond Mar. 9, 1901. He was a farmer. She also was a member of his church. To this union were born in Morgan Co., Mo.

1—Ella B. Lehman, Wenger, Seventh Generation, Farmers, Versailles, Mo.

Ella B. came into being Jan. 15, 1898. She has a graded school education. She married Jesse Wenger of Morgan Co., Mo., Nov. 25, 1917. He was born Aug. 10, 1895. In youth they became members of the Old Mennonite Church. They are farmers. To them were born in Morgan Co., Mo.:

Eighth Generation

a—Viola Ruth, Mar. 4, 1920.
b—Albert A., Mar. 25, 1922.
c—Norman W., Mar. 24, 1923.
d—Paul H., June 11, 1924.

2—Elda B. Lehman, Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Farmers, Versailles, Mo.

Elda B. entered life July 26, 1900. She has a graded school education. She was married to Oliver E. Baumgartner of Morgan Co., Mo., Sept. 16, 1922. He was born Oct. 21, 1900. They, too, belong to the Bethel Mennonite Church. They are farmers. To them came in Morgan Co., Mo.:

a—Edmond D., Dec. 21, 1925, Eighth Generation.

IV—Rose Frances Lehman, Sixth Generation, born Apr. 15, 1875, and died Nov. 21, 1880.

V—Edmond L. Lehman, Sixth Generation, 1877-1922.

Edmond L. entered this life Sept. 3, 1877. He was educated in Morgan Co., Mo. He was married to Mrs. Bertha B. Lehman Oct 6, 1901. She was born Jan. 1, 1878. Both became members of the Bethel Mennonite Church in youth, by baptism. In 1908, when the society admitted the use of a church organ, he became the first organist. He passed to his eternal reward Feb. 20, 1922. He was a farmer. In 1924 his wife with the children moved to Versailles, and all of them transferred their memberships to the M. E. Church here. To this union were born in Morgan Co., Mo.:

1—Frieda P. Lehman, Seventh Generation.

Frieda P. was born Dec. 4, 1902. She graduated from Versailles high school May, 1922.

2—Lavera M. Lehman, Seventh Generation, Teacher.

Lavera M. was born Sept. 16, 1906. Graduated from Versailles high school in 1925, and now is a kindergarten school teacher.

3—Dorothy D. was born May 19, 1909, and died Feb. 22, 1922.

4—Velma B. was born Apr. 23, 1913, and is now in high school.

VI—Emma Edith Lehman, Sixth Generation, born July 30, 1879, and died the next day.

**VII—Joseph Allen Lehman, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Mo.**

Joseph A. entered this life Aug. 18, 1880. He attended district school, and two years at Newton College, Kans., and in 1906-07 he taught school. He married Bertha M. Garber Mar. 26, 1911. She was born Jan. 4, 1886. Both joined the Bethel Mennonite Church as young people. They are farmers. He has been church secretary since 1918, doing efficient work. She is V.-Pres. of the Mission Sewing Society. To them were born in Morgan Co., Mo.:

Seventh Generation

1—Warren M., Aug. 17, 1912.
2—Herman C., Nov. 1, 1914.
3—Mildred J., Apr. 19, 1916.
4—Roland V., Nov. 5, 1918.
5—Joseph, Jr., July 1, 1921.
6—Quintin G., Mar. 22, 1924.

VIII—Elma Ruth Lehman, Sixth Generation, born Sept. 4, 1882, and died Oct. 1, this year.

**IX—John M. Lehman, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Mo.**

John M. entered life Oct. 6, 1883. He attended graded school, and took a course in a business college. He united in marriage with Ida A. Garber, Jan. 1, 1909. She was born May 27, 1887. Both united with the Bethel Mennonite Church in the usual way. They are farmers. To them were born in Morgan Co., Mo.:

Seventh Generation

1—Nadeine R., Oct. 13, 1909.
2—Melva R., Jan. 6, 1912.
3—Albert I., Nov. 25, 1913.
4—Wilbert W., Mar. 20, 1916.
5—Clara B., June 29, 1918.
6—Peter P., May 1, 1921.
7—Viola R., Mar. 6, 1923.
8—Bertha L., Feb. 17, 1925.

X—Obed Melvin Lehman, Sixth Generation, born Aug. 18, 1885, and died Feb. 12, 1887.

**XI—Thomas W. Lehman, Sixth Generation, 1887-1922.**

Thomas W. began his pilgrimage Mar. 19, 1887. He attended rural school and Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. He married Alpha A. Logan-bill Mar. 28, 1912. She was born June 4, 1886. By baptism both united with the Bethel Mennonite Church as young people. He died Aug. 24,

1922. He was a farmer. Both were active in the church. She is a strong woman of a cheerful disposition. She still resides on the farm where the children go to rural school. He served as S. S. teacher and superintendent and held other official positions in the church. To them were born in Morgan Co., Mo.:

1—Tilman V., Mar. 10, 1913, Seventh Generation.
2—Ruth E., July 10, 1914, Seventh Generation.
3—Eldon W., July 16, 1916, Seventh Generation.

**D—Elizabeth Lina Welty, Zuercher, Fifth Generation, Founder of the Missionary Society.**



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTIAN ZUERCHER

Elizabeth L. was born on Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 24, 1848. She obtained a rural school education and had a German training in the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Housework has been her vocation. By baptism she was received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Apr. 14, 1865. She was the founder of the Missionary Sewing Society among the Mennonites in Wayne Co., Ohio, and is a member of the Salem Mennonite M. S. S., of the General Conference, and for many years served as president thereof. She was always a great reader and still continues reading missionary papers and magazines. She has lived in Wayne Co., Ohio, and Moniteau Co., Mo. She was united in marriage with Christian Zuercher Mar. 25, 1871, in Missouri. They became farmers in Wayne Co., Ohio. To them were born in this county:

**I—Matilda Jane Zuercher, Fankhauser, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.**

Matilda J. entered the race of life Jan. 21, 1872. Besides district school she attended Orrville high school, and two terms at Ada, Ohio. Then she taught school two terms in Wayne Co. Since then she devoted herself to housework. By baptism she was initiated into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1886, where she has served as S. S. teacher and president of the M. S. S., and was active in the church choir. She has lived the major part of her life in Ohio, 13 years in Indiana

(Berne), and six months in Missouri. She gave her hand in marriage to N. G. Fankhauser Dec. 29, 1900, at Dalton, Ohio. He was born in Switzerland, Oct. 3, 1866, came to America as a young man, taught school seven years, was further educated in Normal schools and in Oberlin College, Ohio. After this he was proofreader for 18 years at Berne, Ind.; Westerville and Cleveland, Ohio. He is now farming near Dalton, Ohio. To them were born:

1—Magdalena E. Fankhauser, Seventh Generation.

Magdalena E. began life Dec. 4, 1902. She is a graduate of the Dalton high school and will be from the Bluffton College, Ohio, in 1926. She is also a musician.

2—Dorothea A. Fankhauser, Seventh Generation.

Dorothea A. entered life June 7, 1904. She is a graduate of the Dalton high school, also attended Bluffton College, and is now teaching school. She is also a musician.

II—Simon Walter Zuercher, born in 1874, died in infancy.

III—Anna Isiphine Bell, Zuercher, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Kidron, Ohio.

Anna I. B. began her earthly journey Nov. 17, 1875. She attended graded school. She was admitted by baptism into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1888, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger of Berne, Ind. She married Jacob C. Hofstetter May 10, 1902. He was born in Switzerland Aug. 18, 1873, and by baptism received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, but now belongs to the Russelites. She is an active worker in the Woman's M. S. Society.

IV—An infant was born in 1878 and died.

V—David Lawrence Zuercher, Sixth Generation, Auctioneer and Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.

David L. entered the arena of life Mar. 28, 1880. He attended graded school. He received the rite of baptism and reception into the Salem Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Lehman Apr. 12, 1895. He married Lillian Sprunger of Dalton, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1907. He is auctioneer, farmer, and barber. She was born in Berne, Ind., Nov. 4, 1885. To their home came:

1—Eldon Dennis, Apr. 14, 1908, Seventh Generation, Senior in Dalton high school.

2—Marg. Elizabeth, Feb. 7, 1911, Seventh Generation, Freshman in high school.

3—Victor Edmund, Sept. 16, 1912, Seventh Generation, in graded school.

4—Roland Harrison, July 19, 1917, Seventh Generation, in graded school.

5—Della Marie, June 16, 1919, Seventh Generation, in graded school.

**VI—Menno Moses Zuercher, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.**

Menno M. entered life Dec. 21, 1881. He attended district school No. 10, Sugar Creek Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio, and in 1899-01 Dalton high school, and 1902 Bluffton College. In 1905 the Theological Institute at Peoria, Ill., where he graduated. By baptism Apr. 13, 1900, he was admitted into the Salem Mennonite Church. He married Anna Fahrni Mar. 6, 1921. She was born in Switzerland Sept. 29, 1892, and came to America in 1912. He farms his father's farm since 1913. Before this he was a watch repairer and jewelry merchant. He has served as S. S. teacher, is an active choir member, and otherwise manifests an interest in the church. To them is born near Dalton, Ohio:

1—Lawrence Menno, Oct. 11, 1922, Seventh Generation.

**VII—Bertha Elizabeth Zuercher, Boone, Sixth Generation, Wooster, O.**

Bertha E. came on the scene of time Apr. 9, 1884. She graduated from the elementary school, and for a while took music training. She was baptized in 1901 and became an active member of the Salem Mennonite Church. She was always an active member of the W. M. Society, and C. E. work. She was married to Ivan R. Boone of Wooster, Ohio, July 8, 1908. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Aug. 4, 1878. He being a member of the M. E. Church, she transferred her membership to his church where she now is active as a S. S. teacher and in the W. M. Society. They reside west of Wooster, on Lincoln Highway. He is an architect. To their home has come:

1—Alma Elizabeth, May 25, 1909, Seventh Generation. Junior in Wooster high school.

**VIII—Hulda Marie Zuercher, Miller, Sixth Generation, Farmer.**

Hulda M. made her debut in life Apr. 10, 1886. She graduated from the rural elementary school. She was baptized Oct. 5, 1902, and has been an active member in the Salem Mennonite Church since, serving for many years as S. S. teacher, and as superintendent of the Junior C. E., and as member of the W. M. Society. She married Edward Miller Dec. 25, 1923.

He was born in Trail, Holmes Co., Ohio, Jan. 20, 1885, where he now farms. To their home came:

1—Donald Edward, Nov. 2, 1925, Seventh Generation.

### IX—Harrison William Zuercher, Sixth Generation, Damascus, Ohio.

Harrison W. entered the battle of life in Sugar Creep Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 23, 1888. He was baptized Nov. 12, 1903, by Rev. A. A. Sommer in the Salem Mennonite Church, where he has been an active member since. C. E. and S. S. work are his chief activities. Having moved to Damascus, Ohio, where there is no Mennonite Church, he united with the Friends Church, where he is a member of the choir. He attended rural school in district No. 10, in his native township and county. In 1908 he graduated from the Dalton high school. Then taught school for two years in his home township. In 1911-12 he took Academic work in Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. Then he entered the Ohio State University, where he graduated from the Agricultural Dept. in 1916. In 1917-18 he taught in the Wooster high school. In Aug., 1918, he enlisted for service in the U. S. Army, and was placed in the Headquarters Corps of Field Artillery of the U. S. in Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., where he was in the hospital until Mar., 1919. After the war he worked for a rubber company in Akron, Ohio, for some time, then he began teaching in Smith-Hughs Vocational Agriculture in the Goshen Tp. high school, Damascus, Ohio, continuing successfully to this date. He is also active in the Farm Bureau of Mahoning Co., serving as secretary of the Goshen Tp. organization. He is active in the local Grange, and master of the Garfield Grange, No. 2233. He married Blanche Rice of Canton, Ohio, June 29, 1920. They live in Damascus, Ohio. She belongs to the Friends Church. She was born in Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, Oct. 21, 1889. To them were born:

1—Marie Louise, died as an infant, Seventh Generation.

2—Raymond, Apr., 1923, Seventh Generation.

3—Lorice, Feb., 1925, Seventh Generation.

X—Ada Florence Zuercher, born Dec. 3, 1890, died Jan. 10, 1894.

### XI—Malinda Victoria Zuercher, Lengenacher, Sixth Generation, Trail, Holmes Co., Ohio.

Malinda V. began her life July 11, 1893. She also graduated from the same elementary school as the older children, and for a short time attended the Dalton high school. She was baptized at the Salem Mennonite Church by Rev. A. A. Sommer and became a member of it, Oct. 27, 1907. In

1917 she transferred her membership to the Trail Reformed Church. She married John Lengenacher Mar. 7, 1914. He operates and owns a large cheese factory in Trail, Holmes Co., Ohio. He was born in Switzerland Oct. 7, 1890. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Virginia Elizabeth, Dec. 22, 1914.
2—Victoria Malinda, Sept. 1, 1916.
3—Bonnie Iola, Aug. 25, 1918.
4—John Woodrow, Oct. 25, 1919.

### E—Mary Ann Welty, Fifth Generation.

Mary Ann was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, July 27, 1850. Her earthly career was ended by diphtheria June 22, 1861, in the very prime of life.

### F—Wm. Ernst Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer, 1868-1916.

Wm. E. was born near Dalton, Ohio, June 29, 1856. In 1868 he moved with his parents to Moniteau Co., Mo., where he mainly received his education. He lived and died on the same farm his father did near Latham, Mo. On Oct. 17, 1882, he married Anna Hofstetter of Hickory Co., Mo., who survives him. Their life was a happy one. He was widely known through his integrity, benevolent spirit and noble character. He did perhaps more than any other man in his community in developing the church. He held the S. S. superintendency for many years besides holding other offices in religious circles. He was an active participant in all religious gatherings, not only in his home congregation, but in other religious bodies, such as county S. S. conventions, the presidency of which he held four years, in Moniteau Co., Mo., thus being a leading figure. Such conventions he led harmoniously and to a point of interest and benefit to all sincere participants. He would not flinch from duty. He also was an officer in the Hazell Dell Insurance Association for some years. Political offices were repeatedly offered to him, but he always refused them. His wife was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 1, 1854. In 1869 she moved with her parents, John and Katharine (Gilliom) to Hickory Co., Mo. Here she was baptized in 1873 and received into the Mennonite Church. He also as a young man was, by baptism, initiated into the same church. At the time of marriage they bought his father Ulrich Welty's farm, where all their children were born, namely:

#### I—Millie Florence Welty, von Gunten, Sixth Generation, Berne, Ind.

Millie F. entered this life Mar. 30, 1884. She only attended rural school. She was baptized and admitted into the Bethel Mennonite Church

at Fortuna, Mo., May, 1904. She remained at home until 1909, when she moved to Berne, Ind. On June 29, 1910, she was married to Leon von Gunten of Berne, Ind., at her parental home, by Rev. D. D. King. His vocation is general blacksmithing in Berne, Ind. To them were born in Berne:

1—Geraldine Frances, Dec. 15, 1914, Seventh Generation.

2—Paul William, June 27, 1918, Seventh Generation.

3—Iola Janette, Aug. 7, 1919, Seventh Generation.

**II—Walter Joel Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Mechanic, Fortuna, Mo.**

Walter J. entered the race of life Sept. 26, 1886. He only attended rural school. He is a farmer and mechanic. He was baptized and joined the Christian Church Aug. 27, 1906, at Latham, Moniteau Co., Mo. He has served the past six years as elder in the church, has held the office of S. S. Supt. and served as S. S. teacher. He was in the World War, trained in Camp Funston, Kans., 89th Div., Co. F., 354th Infantry for 12 months. He served in the front line in France from Aug. 4, to Sept. 4, 1918, in the Lucey Sector. He received no wounds. In Camp Funston he was discharged June 4, 1919. He is still single.

III—Henry Wilson Welty, born Nov. 21, 1887, died two days later.

**IV—Bertha Elizabeth Welty, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Dairy Farming, Decatur, Indiana.**

Bertha E. was born Sept. 9, 1888. She attended rural school only. In 1912 she came to Berne, Ind. Here, on Nov. 26, 1914, she married Peter B. Lehman, Rev. P. R. Schroeder officiating. He was a carpenter for some years, then bought a farm near Decatur, Ind., where they do an extensive dairy business. She was initiated into the Bethel Mennonite Church at Fortuna, Mo., by the rite of baptism. To them were born near Decatur, Ind.:

1—Pollyanna Marie, Aug. 21, 1916, Seventh Generation.

2—Juanita Elizabeth, Jan. 30, 1919, Seventh Generation.

3—Norma Barbara, Oct. 29, 1923, Seventh Generation.

**V—Elmer Milton Welty, Sixth Generation, Mgr. of Grain Elevator, Fortuna, Mo.**

Elmer M. was born Jan. 2, 1890. He has a rural school education. He was a carpenter for some years. For the last four years he worked in the Fortuna Grain Elevator of which he has been manager for the last year.

He was baptized and received into the Bethel Mennonite Church, Apr. 10, 1914, later he united by letter with the M. E. Church at Fortuna, where he is now S. S. teacher of the Young People's class. He is yet single.

### VI—Ervin Wm. Welty, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Fortuna, Mo.

Ervin Wm. was born Nov. 16, 1893. He only attended rural school. He is a farmer near Fortuna, Mo. He was admitted by baptism into the Bethel Mennonite Church, June 3, 1917. He was inducted as a World War veteran at Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex., as wagoner in Quartermaster Division, July, 1918, and discharged at Camp Funston, Kans., Mar. 19, 1919. He is yet single.

### VII—Clara Louise Welty, Sixth Generation.

Clara L. entered the arena of life Sept. 20, 1897. She has a rural school education. She received admittance into the Bethel Mennonite Church by baptism May, 1907, by Rev. D. D. King. She is single.

## CHAPTER II.

### Christian P. Welty, Fourth Generation, 1824-1885.



CHRISTIAN WELTY

Christian P. Welty was born Oct. 11, 1824, one week after his parents arrived in America, on Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio. He was married May 25, 1848, to Magdalena Luginbuhl. She was born June 5, 1827, and died Apr. 26, 1857. He was baptized Mar. 25, 1842, and she on Apr. 4, 1843, when they became members of the Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio. He was married the second time, choosing Elizabeth Zuercher, Apr. 29, 1859, of Wayne Co. He first farmed in Ohio and later in Missouri. He made a six months' visit to his fatherland, Switzerland, in 1844, at which time he also visited John Welty of Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, son of Nicklaus. He spoke enthusiastically of the advantages in America to his relatives in the fatherland, so that the description, he so vividly gave, induced four children of John Welty to accompany him to America, namely John, Peter, Mathias and Verena Baumgartner, though the parents very much disliked to see them go, they later followed them to America. Christian moved with his

family to Fortuna, Missouri, in 1869. He went to his reward Aug. 17, 1885, They were members of the Bethel Mennonite Church near Fortuna, Mo. His children were born:



Persons shown are not in the Welty relation, but the residence once was of the Welty Family in Switzerland.

### A—Elizabeth Welty, Hirschler, Fifth Generation, 1849-1887, Teacher and Missionary.

Elizabeth was born July 29, 1849, in Wayne Co., Ohio. Here she attended district school and also in Smithville, Ohio. She became a public school teacher in Missouri, Ohio, and Berne, Ind. Later she became a missionary among the Indians in Oklahoma. By baptism she was initiated into the Mennonite Church, Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1868. She entered married life with Daniel Hirschler at Cantonment, Okla., where he served as a missionary among the Indians. She passed to her heavenly rest Apr. 2, 1887. To them were born:

I—Dorothea, in 1885, Sixth Generation, died Oct. 30, 1897.

II—An infant that died at mother's death.

### B—Caroline Welty, Moser, Fifth Generation, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Caroline was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 28, 1850. She only attended district school. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1868, on Sonnenberg. She has lived at Dalton, Ohio; Fortuna, Mo.; and Ft. Morgan, Colo. She made two visits to

California. She entered nuptial relations with Abraham Moser, May 14, 1870, at Moniteau Co., Mo. He was born Sept. 28, 1845, and died Oct. 28, 1912. Their children were all born in Moniteau Co., Mo., namely:

I—Martha L. Moser, Scheidegger, Sixth Generation, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Martha L. was born Jan. 29, 1871. She obtained a common education. She was married to David Scheidegger of Adams Co., Ind., Dec. 26, 1891, at the Bethel Church (Mennonite), Morgan Co., Mo. He was born near Berne, Ind., Jan. 28, 1865. They now live in Ft. Morgan, Colo., where he is engaged as piano tuner. They belong to the United Presbyterian Church here. They were, however, Mennonites before coming here. To them were born:

1—Dr. Elvin F. Scheidegger, Seventh Generation, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Elvin F. entered the arena of life in Adams Co., Ind., Sept. 16, 1893. He graduated from Ft. Morgan high school, Colorado, May 28, 1915. Then he attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo., from Sept., 1915 to June, 1916, and from Sept., 1916 to June, 1917, and again from Dec., 1919, to June, 1920, and from Sept. of this year to June, 1921, when he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Also attended summer sessions in this university in 1920 and 1921. Then he attended from Sept., 1921, to June, 1924, the University of Nebraska, College of Medicine, at Omaha, Nebr., where he was given the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1923, and the degree of M. D. in June, 1924. He was physical examiner of employees for the Union Pacific Railroad Co., for one year, after being graduated in medicine. At present (April, 1926) he is in his eighteenth month of internship at the University Hospital, Omaha, Nebr. He also was in army service during the World War, from Aug. 17, 1917, to Mar. 25, 1919. He held the rank of 2d Lieut., Reserve Military Aviator, Aviator Section, Signal Corps, when he was discharged. At present he holds a 1st lieutenancy in Medical Officers' Reserve Corps. He was married in the fall of 1923 to Gertrude Wagman of Omaha, Nebr., who was born Mar. 26, 1902, in Omaha. Here she was educated in the high school of Commerce.

2—Lloyd W. Scheidegger, Seventh Generation.

Lloyd W. was born in Adams Co., Ind., July 26, 1897. He was killed by a street car in Los Angeles, Calif., April 1, 1924.

3—Ira Allen Scheidegger, Seventh Generation.

Ira A. was born Dec. 24, 1899, and died in Nebraska in 1909.

4—Pearl Scheidegger, Seventh Generation, Student, Oberlin, Ohio.

Pearl entered this life in Allen Co., Ind., July 5, 1903. She is now a student in the Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio.

5—Carl Scheidegger, Seventh Generaton.

Carl began his race in Hitchcock Co., Nebr., June 24, 1906. No other information.

6—Ruth Scheidegger, Seventh Generation.

Ruth entered life's pathway in Hitchcock Co., Nebr., July 11, 1909. No other word.

II—Edwin R. Moser, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Edwin R. began his earthly life June 2, 1872, in Moniteau Co., Mo. He obtained a fair education. He united in marriage with Lizzie Rothgeb of Woodburn, Ind., Sept. 2, 1902. She was born Jan. 8, 1880 at Youngstown, Ohio. By baptism both became members of the Christian Church June 6, 1916. They have no children.

III—Esther Moser, Hofstetter, Glendale, Calif.

Esther R. was born July 4, 1874. She has a common school education. She was married to Henry Hofstetter of Wayne Co., Ohio. Time not given. They live in Glendale, Calif. To them are born belonging to the seventh generation:

1—Roy, Moniteau Co., Mo., Aug. 25, 1899.

2—Leonard, Allen Co., Ind., June 2, 1901.

3—Irene, Wayne Co., Ohio, July 2, 1905.

4—Ruth, Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 21, 1907.

5—Harold, Morgan Co., Mo., Aug. 3, 1911.

IV—Oscar L. Moser, Sixth Generation, Arcadia, Calif.

Oscar L. was born Sept. 5, 1876. He has a fair education. He was married to Cora Rothgeb of Woodburn, Ind. Time not given. They live in Arcadia, Calif. To them were born, belonging to the seventh generation:

1—Arthur, Moniteau Co., Mo., Sept. 2, 1913.

2—Neva, DeKalb Co., Ind., July 19, 1920.

V—Daniel Moser, Sixth Generation, Fortuna, Mo.

Daniel entered this world Nov. 29, 1878. He has a fair education. He was married to Maggie Fruchey. Time not given. They live in Fortuna.

Mo. To them were born, belonging to the seventh generation, in Moniteau Co., Mo.:

1—Norman, June 17, 1912.
2—Lester, Mar. 24, 1916.
3—Halbert, Feb. 15, 1919.
4—Marg. L., June 21, 1922.
5—Lois Kath., Apr. 7, 1925.

### VI—Lawrence Moser, Sixth Generation, Latham, Mo.

Lawrence was born Nov. 25, 1880. He has a common school education. He was married to Lucretia Newkirk. No time given. To them were born in Moniteau Co., Mo.:

1—Mildred, Aug. 20, 1905. Seventh Generation.

2—Nadine, Jan. 23, 1908, Seventh Generation.

3—Erma, Oct. 27, 1915, Seventh Generation.

### VII—Lydia E. Moser, Sixth Generation.

Lydia E. was initiated to this life Nov. 30, 1883. She has a fair education.

### VIII—Edna V. Moser, Aeschbacher, Sixth Generation, Strathmore, Calif.

Edna V. was born June 26, 1885, and obtained a fair education. She was married to Edw. Aeschbacher of Morgan Co., Mo. Time not given. They live in Strathmore, Calif. To them were born in Morgan Co., Mo.:

1—Carroll, Sept. 3, 1911, Seventh Generation.

2—Ralph, Aug. 25, 1913, Seventh Generaton.

3—Arline, Aug. 4, 1921, Seventh Generation.

### IX—Elvin F. Moser, Sixth Generation, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Elvin F. began his voyage of life Jan. 28, 1889. He has a common school training. He was married to Maud Hornely. Time not given. They reside at Ft. Morgan, Colo. Born to them is:

1—Betty May, Mar. 17, 1922, Seventh Generation.

### X—Orin Moser, Sixth Generation.

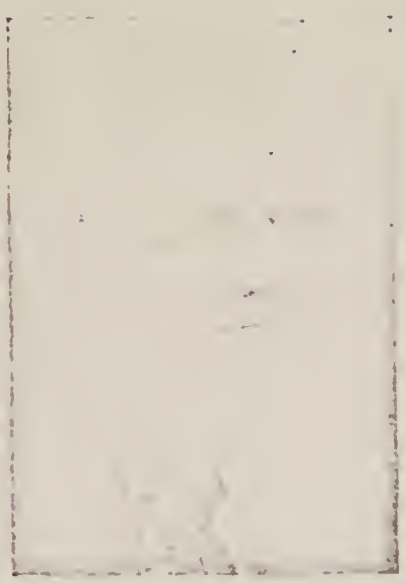
Orin's time of birth not given, nor his marriage to Miss Fulks. But to them were born in Moniteau Co., Mo.:

1—Alitha, Apr. 2, 1915, Seventh Generation.

2—Mabel B., Sept. 12, 1917, Seventh Generation.

3—Nina, Dec. 25, 1919, Seventh Generation.

### C—Daniel Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer and Carpenter, Los Angeles, California.



DANIEL WELTY

Daniel was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 14, 1852. He received a common schooling during winter months. In 1869 he moved with his parents to Moniteau Co., Mo., where he farmed. In early life he showed an inventive turn of mind and an aptness for handling tools, and did much carpentering with farming. In his teens he laid out and oversaw the building of a large bank barn on father's place in Missouri. After five years residing in this state he went back to his birthplace and married Anna Zuercher, youngest daughter of David Zuercher in 1875, where she was born in 1854. Here they lived on a 60-acre farm, owned by them, until 1882, when they sold it and moved to Berne, Ind. Here he engaged in the book and furniture business with his brother Joel for a few years. When Berne became an incorporated town he became one of the first trustees of it. After a few years of business he quit, and bought the John (Johannes) Sprunger farm of 89 acres, in the northeast part of Berne, moved on it, remaining here until 1908, when he sold it and moved to California, establishing a home in Los Angeles. A few years later his wife passed to her heavenly reward. He now lives with his son David. He became a member of the Mennonite Church in Moniteau Co., Mo., by baptism in 1870, and graced his church with a good Christian life, and devotion to the trusts that were committed to him. Their first two children were born at Dalton, Ohio, and the rest at Berne, Ind., namely:

#### I—Amelia Welty, Bergman, Sixth Generation, Tulare, Calif.

Amelia entered this life July 15, 1877. When 14 years old she joined the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., by baptism. Besides common schooling she obtained a musical education, then taught vocal and instrumental music in Ohio, Indiana and California. She married Carl Bergman Dec. 30, 1906, in her parental home, J. W. Kliewer officiating. Their first child was born in Compton and the rest in Tulare, Calif.:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Carl Otto, Jr., Nov. 10, 1907.
2—Rush, Dec. 19, 1909.
3—Daniel W., Aug. 31, 1912.
4—Jean Elizabeth, Dec. 5, 1913.
5—Luther Ivan, May 13, 1917.

### II—David Christian Welty, Sixth Generation, Printer, Publisher, Los Angeles, Calif.



DAVID C. WELTY, Printer

David C. was born Jan. 21, 1879. With his parents he moved to Berne, Ind., in 1882, where he went to rural school and worked on the farm. When of age he entered the newspaper and printing business with Fred Rohrer and others in Berne, continuing 12 years, minus part of two years when he attended Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, and Bethel College at Newton, Kansas, one year at each place. Then he went to Los Angeles, Calif., where for eight years he was editor and proprietor of the Highland Park Herald up to 1923. Since then he has devoted his time to the printing and publishing business. When 16 years old he was initiated by baptism into the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind. He has been S. S. teacher and Y. P. president. After being in California a while he joined the Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, where he is now a deacon. He has traveled extensively in most states of the U. S., in Canada and in Mexico. He was married to Ida Ruth, daughter of J. W. Ruth of Halstead, Kans., June 17, 1909. She was educated in Bethel College, Newton, Kans. Their residence is on 201 North Ave., Los Angeles. Their children (an adopted son) were born:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Winston, Aug. 15, 1920. 2—Ruth, Aug. 19, 1922.

### III—Rose Delila Welty (Mrs. Rev. Weld), Sixth Generation, Westminster, Calif.

Rose D. came into being July 21, 1883. She attended the Berne public schools, and one year in Bethel College, Newton, Kans., and one year at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. She also studied violin and taught it thereafter. On Aug. 29, 1912, she was married to Rev. Ray A. Weld, at Los Angeles. In 1895, she was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind. In 1914 she transferred by letter to the Clement Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where he was pastor. He was born in New London, Wis., May 5, 1884. He graduated from the Moody Bible Institute, Aug. 11, 1911, and from the McCormick Theo. Seminary of Chicago, Apr., 1915. He began his ministry in Downers Grove, Ill., in 1910. She has always taken an active part in church activities, exerting a

strong Christian influence as a pastor's wife. They are now living in Westminster, Calif., where he is pastor of the Presbyterian Church. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Vivian Rose, Oct. 14, 1913. 3—Evangeline Ruth, Apr. 10, 1920.
2—Anna Elizabeth, Nov. 18, 1915. 4—Esther Lois, May 1, 1924.

**IV—Henrietta Irene Welty, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Chicago, Ill.**

Henrietta I. was born July 20, 1885. She was educated in the Berne public schools. She spent one year in the Bluffton College, Ohio. She graduated from the International Business College of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and also from the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. On Mar. 21, 1915, she married Clinton A. Lehman, who is in charge of the Chicago office of the Lorenz Publishing Co. Their address is 1467 W. 71st Place. To them were born.

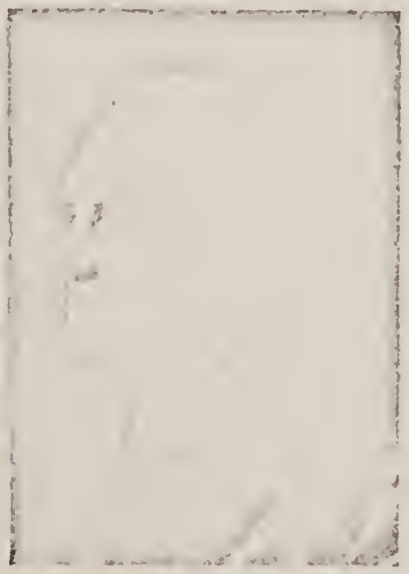
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1—Thelma Ruth, Jan. 7, 1919. 3—Maurice Hugh, Mar. 23, 1924.
2—Franklin Ray, Jan. 19, 1921.

**V—Deborah Anna Welty, Sixth Generation.**

Deborah A. was born June 26, 1888. As a flower she soon passed away Nov. 11, 1894.

**D—John B. Welty, Fifth Generation, Bee Supply Business, Berne, Ind.**



JOHN B. WELTY

John B. entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 15, 1854. Here he obtained a common school education. For some years he followed farming in Ohio and Indiana. At present he is in the bee supply business in Berne, Ind. In 1869 he moved with his parents to Missouri, where he lived, until he moved with his family to Berne, Ind. He was baptized and initiated into the Bethel Mennonite Church in Moniteau Co., Mo., in 1870. He has served his church faithfully and efficiently as S. S. superintendent and teacher. He entered married life with Rosina Lehman of Morgan Co., Mo., Oct. 21, 1880. She was born on Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, June 10, 1859, where she obtained a rural school education. To this union were born:

**I—Elma O. Welty, Sprunger, Sixth Generation, Berne, Ind.**

Elma O. entered the walk of life in Moniteau Co., Mo., Dec. 6, 1881.

After finishing public school, she entered Bethel College, Newton, Kans., where she studied a few years. She gave her hand in marriage to Albert N. Sprunger of Berne, Ind., Oct. 14, 1907, where he was born May 22, 1875. In 1896 he began clerking in the Sprunger, Lehman Co. Store, giving excellent service for a number of years, when he was made manager of the Berne Milling Co. With his keen business vision he conceived the great possibility of a condensery, and became the promoter and organizer of the Swiss Milk Condensery of Berne, Ind. He served it as president until it was sold to the Libby, McNiel & Libby Co., of Chicago. Then he caught the vision of a hatchery and promoted the Globe Hatchery Co., of Berne, Ind., of which he was made manager, as also of the Decatur Produce Branch of Berne. Business men, noting his ability, made him a director of the Berne Milling Co.; Berne Overall and Shirt Co.; and Berne Furniture Co. He obtained a common school education and an eight-week course at Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind., yet, he has risen to business leadership by an indomitable spirit and courage. He also has the confidence of the First Mennonite Church in Berne, to which both have belonged since they reached manhood and womanhood. In this church he has served as S. S. teacher for 30 years, and on important church committees, sometimes as chairman; and just recently he was elected town trustee, though politically not lined up with the usually vast majority party of the town. To them were born in Berne, Ind.:

Seventh Generation

1—Lucretia Fidelia, Jan. 23, 1909.
2—Celia Ruth, Feb. 13, 1912.
3—Harriet Marguerite, Apr. 2, 1914.
4—Winifred Eulalia, Feb. 24, 1916.
5—Orlando Welty, Oct. 20, 1921.
6—Phyllis Maxine, Nov. 1, 1924.

### II—Bertha L. Welty, Sixth Generation.

Bertha was born Mar. 31, 1883, and departed to realms above Oct. 12, same year.

### III—Arthur F. Welty, Sixth Generation.

Arthur F. was born Mar. 14, 1884, and departed for heaven five days later.

### IV—Melvine O. Welty, Sixth Generation.

Melvine O. was born June 29, 1886, and entered heaven Dec. 2, same year.

### V—Cordelia M. Welty, Sixth Generation.

Cordelia M. was born Jan. 17, 1890, and went to glory July 8, same year.

VI—Ella Ruth Welty, Kohler, Sixth Generation, Brookings, S. Dak.

Ella R. was born Oct. 22, 1895. When through public schools she entered Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, where she graduated in the College and Music courses. Then she taught music for some time in Freeman College, S. Dak. She was married June 25, 1919, to Harry L. Kohler of Bluffton, Ohio, son of John and Elizabeth Kohler, and was born near here, Mar. 15, 1892. In 1909 he entered Central, now Bluffton College and graduated from the Academic Dept. in 1912. Then for two years he taught school. After this he re-entered the aforenamed college, where he graduated in 1917. In 1917 (fall) he became supervisor of music in the Celina, Ohio, schools. In the spring of 1918 when he was called into U. S. Army service he was trained in Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. Three months later he was taken overseas with the 326th Artillery, remaining six months, but was never on the battle front. He received his discharge from Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. Both were members of the Freeman College faculty, Freeman, S. Dak., a Mennonite Institution, during the school years of 1919-21. During the summer months they took advanced work in music at the American Conservatory at Chicago. Here he received his Bachelor of Music degree. His instructors were Karleton Hackett, and David Bispham. Since the fall of 1921 he has been at the head of the Voice Dept. at S. Dak. State College at Brookings. They are now members of the Presbyterian Church at this place. To them was born:

1—John Vincent, Apr. 4, 1922, Seventh Generation.

E—Rosina Welty, Wenger, Fifth Generation, Aberdeen, Idaho.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL WENGER

Rosina entered the trials of life near Orrville, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1855. She was baptized and received into the Bethel Mennonite Church at Tipton, Mo., in 1875. She served as S. S. teacher and as president of the Missionary Sewing Society for a number of years both in Tipton, Mo., and Aberdeen, Idaho, where she now lives. She was married to Michael Wenger, Dec. 23, 1879,

at Tipton, Mo. He was born at Edom, Virginia, Nov. 12, 1853. His father's name was Abraham, and mother's name Sarah Geil. Michael belongs to the Mennonite Church. He has farmed all his life. They lived in Missouri, Kansas, California and Idaho. To them were born near Versailles, Mo.:

### I—Sarah Wenger, Sixth Generation.

Sarah entered the path of life Jan. 28, 1881. After completing common school she took academy work, four years at Bethel College, Newton, Kans. As a young woman she received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church while at College, but holds her membership now in the same church at Aberdeen, Idaho. She travels the single path of life. Her main employment has been housework.

### II—Ira Joel Wenger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Bookkeeper, Aberdeen, Idaho.

Ira Joel came on the arena of life Feb. 14, 1883. Besides attending district school he took academy work, four years in Bethel College, Newton, Kans. On Dec. 25, 1917, he was wedded to Ollivia L. Koppes. She was born at Wadsworth, Ohio, Aug. 16, 1881. Both are active members in the Mennonite Church and received baptism and membership in manhood and womanhood. He is a farmer at Aberdeen, Idaho, and also bookkeeper of Aberdeen Springfield Canal Co. To them were born:

1—Earl Malcolm, July 28, 1919, Seventh Generation.

2—Ruth Ellen, Aug. 22, 1921, Seventh Generation.

### III—Frank L. Wenger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Mo.

Frank L. began his life Aug. 12, 1885. Aside from district school he attended Bethel College, Newton, Kans., where he graduated from the Academic Course in 1906. He entered matrimony with Anna S. Toeves of Newton, Kans., May 18, 1913. She was born Oct. 5, 1889. At maturity they were baptized and admitted to membership in the Mennonite Church in which they are active members. He has been S. S. Supt. He is a farmer. To their home came:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Elma Elizabeth, Nov. 20, 1914.

2—Arthur Daniel, Oct. 15, 1916.

3—Carl Edward, July 24, 1919.

4—Lois Marie, Jan. 29, 1923.

### IV—Paul A. Wenger, Sixth Generation, Industrial Missionary, India.



REV. PAUL A. WENGER.

Paul A. entered this life Mar. 22, 1889. Besides district school he went to State Agricultural College, Moscow, Idaho, for four years, two years to the Bible Institute in Los Angeles, California, where he graduated. Since Nov., 1923, he is stationed at Janjgir, C. P., India, as industrial missionary for the Mennonite General Conference Church. He married Adah Good Burkhalter of Bluffton, Ohio, Mar. 3, 1926, at Mauhadei, India, Rev. P. A. Penner officiating. Witnesses were missionaries located here. She had been a missionary in India, but was then on an extended furlough in America. Besides visiting her parents, she pursued a course of study at Witmarsum Theological Seminary. He was for several years State Seed analyst of Idaho. They are the first agricultural missionaries sent forth by their church.

### F—Joel Welty, Fifth Generation.



J. Welty

Joel entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 15, 1857. Besides common school he attended Wadsworth College, Wadsworth, Ohio. As a young man he was baptized and admitted to the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind. Here he served as S. S. teacher for some years For a while he lived in Missouri He made a trip to Europe in 1891, and two to Mexico in 1896 and 1901. He lived a good and upright Christian life. He was married to Dina Lehman Apr. 3, 1887, at Berne, Ind., where she was born Feb. 27, 1863. They moved from Berne to Fort Wayne, Ind., in Aug., 1895, where he established the Fort Wayne Box Factory, meeting with splendid success. He departed this life Dec. 20, 1903. She lives at 730 Columbia Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. To them were born:





### I—Magdalena Verena Welty, Tolsen, Sixth Generation, Artists, Chicago, Ill.

Magdalena V. was born in Berne, Ind., Feb. 15, 1888. She obtained her education in the Ft. Wayne schools. Then she entered the Art Institute, Chicago, Ill., and graduated June 19, 1914. She was married to Norman Tolsen Sept. 30, 1914. He was born in England. She was baptized June 5, 1904, and joined the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind. They now live in Chicago, Ill., where they are both employed as artists. To them were born in Kansas City, Mo.:

1—Norman Welty, Apr. 16, 1916, Seventh Generation.

2—Morton Cass, Jan. 27, 1920, Seventh Generation.

### II—Harrison Walter Welty, Sixth Generation, Printer, Buffalo, N. Y.

Harrison W. was initiated to this life in Berne, Ind., Mar. 1, 1889. He was educated in the Ft. Wayne graded school. He was baptized June 5, 1904, and joined the Mennonite Church. He married Louise McCain of Kentland, Ind., Dec. 31, 1921. She was born Dec. 25, 1898. He is now superintendent of the color department of a large printing house in Buffalo, N. Y. They are the parents of:

1—Robert McCain, Jan. 6, 1923, Seventh Generation.

### III—Viola Ruth Welty, Sixth Generation, Y. W. C. A. Sec., Evansville, Ind.

Viola R. entered life in Berne, Ind., Jan. 8, 1893. She graduated in the Ft. Wayne schools, then attended Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, and National Y. W. C. A. Training School, N. Y. She was baptized June 20, 1909, and united with the Mennonite Church. She is now secretary of the Girls' Reserve Y. W. C. A. at Evansville, Ind. She is still single and has made a number of sight-seeing trips in the States.

### IV—Paul Silas Welty, Sixth Generation, Membership Sec. of Y. M. C. A., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Paul S. was born in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Feb. 2, 1896. Here he graduated from the Central high school, June, 1914. From Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, 1920. Received baptism June 20, 1909, and joined the Mennonite Church. He was married to Margaret Jansen of Beatrice, Nebr., June 22, 1922. She was born July 22, 1893, at Jansen, Nebr. He is employed as membership secretary Y. M. C. A.

### V—Ivan Robert Welty, Sixth Generation, Theological Student, Oberlin, Ohio.

Ivan R. was born in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Sept. 19, 1899, where he grad-

uated from the Central high school, and then from Oberlin Conservatory and Union Theological Seminary, N. Y. He was baptized Mar. 23, 1913, and joined the Plymouth Congregational Church in Ft. Wayne. He is now in the last year at the Seminary at Oberlin. He married Anna Isabell Noss, Jan. 1, 1926, daughter of Dr. Noss, missionary to Japan for 30 years. She was born Dec. 4, 1899, at Sendai, Japan. She graduated at Mt. Holyoke in 1921 with an A. B. degree. She also took special work in Union Theo. Seminary, and at Oberlin, Ohio. She belongs to the Reformed Church.

### VI—Joel Carl Welty, Sixth Generation, Latchford, Ont.

Joel C. was born in Ft. Wayne, Ind., May 30, 1901. He graduated in Ft. Wayne schools, and from Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., and from Haresford, 1925. He was baptized Mar. 23, 1913, and joined the Plymouth Congregational Church at Ft. Wayne. He is now doing Frontier College work in a lumber camp at Latchford, Ont., Canada.

G—Anna Welty, Fifth Generation, born Oct. 22, 1860, died this year, Nov. 24.

H—Simeon C. Welty, Fifth Generation, born Aug. 26, 1865, died June 26, 1866.

### J—Prof. Benj. F. Welty, Fifth Generation, Musician.



Benjamin F. Welty, Musician

Prof. Benj. F. was born at Orrville, Ohio, June 13, 1868. He was educated in the Moniteau Normal, Latham, Mo., Wooster College, Ohio, where he studied music under Prof. Carl Merz, later in 1900 at Dresden, Germany, and again in 1906. He followed teaching music 40 years in Berne and Decatur, Ind.; Bethel College, Newton, Kans., from 1893-1906 and Tacoma, Wash., 18 years, where he was pipe organist in the Presbyterian Church. He traveled in Germany, Switzerland, Rome, Italy; England, Scotland, Alaska, etc. He married Clara Rupp Aug. 22, 1901, at Moundridge, Kans., where she was born July 28, 1876. One year she went to McPherson College, Kans., and then to Bethel College, Kansas, where she graduated with Bethel's first class in music. She spent one year in Oberlin Conservatory, then returned to Bethel College in 1900 as music teacher, substituting for Prof. W., while he was abroad. In 1906 she too studied music

in Dresden, Germany. By baptism she was admitted to the Mennonite Church at Moundridge, Kans., when a young woman. She died Feb. 16, 1919, and he Apr. 17, 1925, following an operation for a tumorous growth. He willed to Bethel College a home and his library; to the Mennonite Foreign Mission one-third of his property; for home Mission one-sixth; for Presbyterian Foreign Mission one-sixth and one-third to his relatives. They adopted a son called

I—Kenneth Edmund Welty, time of birth not known, but it is thought he is now (1925) about 21 years old. He has joined the navy. His schooling he received mostly in Tacoma, Wash.

### In Memory of Ben. F. Welty.

On April seventeenth, nineteen twenty-five,
A man from earth, who lived a holy life,
Was welcomed home by all the heavenly host;
Is with his Savior whom he loved the most.
He served Him here with patience and in love,
Is now receiving his reward above.

To part from this kind friend brings to us sorrow,
Yet we rejoice for we shall meet tomorrow;
For, whom our Savior calls He justifies,
And whom He justifies, He glorifies,
And brings them to the Father's throne of grace,
There, to behold their Savior, face to face.

And while our hearts are bleeding, we rejoice
(Although grim reaper came and stilled his voice)
That his example lives, is with us still,
Helps us to do our Heavenly Father's will,
Helps us each day our cares and burdens bear
Until we shall with Him His glory share.

By J. D. Moser.

J—Emily Anna Welty, Rohrer, Fifth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Emily A. was born Apr. 30, 1871, at Tipton, Moniteau Co., Mo. She attended school in Mo., Ohio, and Berne, Ind. Over four years she was a clerk in the Mennonite Book Concern, Berne, Ind. She was baptized and

received into the Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1886. She has lived in Missouri, Ohio, and Indiana, and four years in Winnie, Tex., where they were in charge of a rice warehouse. She now lives in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and is a member of the First Evangelical Church. She was married to John Rohrer Dec. 22, 1895, at Berne. He was born June 6, 1870, in Bern, Switzerland, son of Christian and Rosina Rohrer. He has a fair education. For 20 years he was in the milling business in Berne. Then he farmed about 17 months, now for six years he is employed in the Bowser Oil Tank and Pump Co., Ft. Wayne. He was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church in Berne, in 1886. To them were born in Berne, Ind.:

### I—Sylvan B. Rohrer, Sixth Generation.

Sylvan B. entered this world Apr. 1, 1897. He was educated in Berne, Ind.; Winnie, Tex.; and Bethel College, Newton, Kans. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Berne. He was married to Gertrude Melick, who was born in Minn., in Sept., 1900.

### II—Frieda E. Rohrer, Ingram, Sixth Generation, Wichita, Kans.

Frieda E. was born June 2, 1898. She attended school at Berne, Ind.; Winnie, Tex.; and Bethel College, Kans. She was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church in Berne. She was married to Charles Ingram in 1920 at Ft. Wayne. He was born in 1898, in Kansas, where they now live.

### III—Florence M. Rohrer, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Florence M. entered the world Sept. 2, 1900. She attended school at Berne, Ind.; Winnie, Tex.; and Huntsville Normal, Tex. She was baptized and joined the M. E. Church in Huntsville, Tex. Later transferred her membership to the First Evangelical Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

IV—Franklin M. Rohrer was born May 27, 1905, died Nov. 5, same year.

### V—Carl H. Rohrer, Sixth Generation.

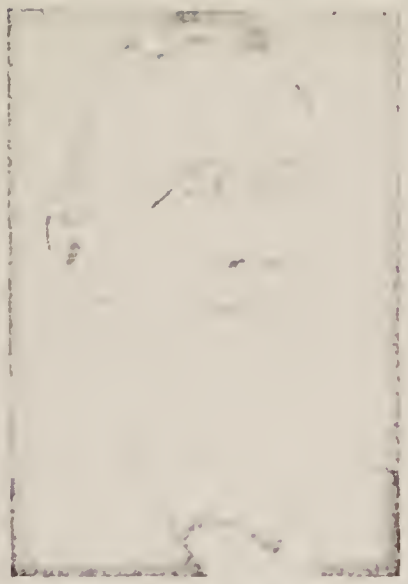
Carl H. began his earthly life Feb. 11, 1907. He obtained his schooling in Berne, Ind.; Winnie, Tex., and is now a student at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. He is baptized and belongs to the First Evangelical Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

### VI—Gladys L. Rohrer, Sixth Generation.

Gladys L. entered the arena of life July 15, 1908. She attended school at Winnie, Tex.; and Ft. Wayne, Ind. She received baptism and membership in the First Evangelical Church in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

## CHAPTER III.

### John Peter Welty, Fourth Generation, 1826—



JOHN P. WELTY

John P. was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1826. He was baptized and admitted to the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 21, 1848. He had a fair education. About 1851 he was married to Amanda Richardson in Buchanan Co., Mo. As a young man he moved to Missouri, and in 1855 to Nebraska, where he remained until 1876, when he moved to Mound City, Mo. His wife died in 1858. He was married a second time with Mathilda J. Taylor in Nebraska. He had two sons by his first marriage and none with the second. The time of his death was not given.

### A—Enoch Alexander Welty, Fifth Generation, Teacher, Merchant, County Clerk, 1852-1912.



ENOCH A. WELTY

Enoch A. was born Sept. 13, 1852, in Andrew Co., Mo. He obtained a good education in common schools and in the Normal College at Peru, Nebr. Then he taught school in this state and later high school in Mound City, Mo. Later he became a merchant in Oregon, Mo., and still later county clerk for two terms. He traveled quite extensively in the interest of business. In 1879 he married Mary Schrantz of Mound City, Mo. She was raised in this state and educated at Camden Point, Mo., and other state schools. He was baptized in 1880 and joined the Presbyterian Church, serving as S. S. superintendent and teacher. He died in Seattle, Wash., in 1912. To this union were born:

#### I—Helen Welty, Baker, Sixth Generation.

Helen entered this life in Mound City, Mo., Nov. 7, 1880. She obtained a good education. She was married to Mr. Baker at Mound City, Mo. Time not given. They are the parents of several children who live in Montana. Names not given. No further information received.

### II—Lois Welty, Sixth Generation, St. Joseph, Mo.

Lois began her toils in life Nov., 1884. She is an educated woman and has followed the profession of teaching for years. She is a graduate of the Missouri State University and obtained an A. M. degree. She has been for some time an instructor in the St. Joseph high school in Mo. She is unmarried. No other information.

### III—Esther Welty, Sixth Generation, Tulsa, Okla.

Esther began her race of life in June, 1892. She, too, has a good education. She was married to a Missouri State University man at Columbia, Mo. Time not given. At present he seems to be an oil inspector in Tulsa, Okla. They have children, but their names were not given. No other information.

### B—Peter Perry Welty, Fifth Generation, Merchant, Clerk, 1854-1926, San Diego, Calif.



PETER P. WELTY

Peter P. was born in Andrew Co., Mo., Apr. 14, 1854. He was educated in district schools, and had a short term of Normal School work in Peru, Nebr. He was a merchant in Mound City, Mo., for four years, county clerk two years, collector for Holt Co., Mo., for four years. At St. Joseph, Mo., he was 27 years with the St. Joseph Stock Yard Co., as bookkeeper, cashier and assistant treasurer, altogether from 1889-1916. Then, due to age, he retired. He was baptized and admitted into the Presbyterian Church at Mound City, Mo., in 1889, where he served as S. S. secretary and as teacher of a Bible class. He moved with his parents from Missouri to Nebraska in 1855, where he lived until 1876, when he moved to Mound City, Mo. He was married to Nannie Roberta Robertson Mar. 20, 1878, at St. Joseph, Mo. In 1915 they made a recreational trip to the World's Fair in California. She was born and reared in Mo. They now live at 4672 Kansas St., San Diego, Calif. He just died Oct., 1926. To them were born:

## I—Perry Allen Welty, Sixth Generation, Civil Engineer, Wichita Falls, Texas.



PERRY A. WELTY, C. E., Surveyor

Perry A. entered this life Feb. 3, 1879, at St. Joseph, Mo., where he attended school. He also attended the Missouri State University. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church. He is a civil engineer for the past 20 years. He lives at Wichita Falls, Texas, where he is in charge of irrigation work. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of the Rotarians, and is a Knight Templar. A few years prior to 1906 he did city engineering at St. Joseph, Mo., and at railroad work in Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. Since 1906 he rotated back and forth between Texas and California on irrigation projects, one year in Nevada and Wyoming on mountain highway work. Most of the engineering work has started with the preliminary surveys, and carried on through plans, locations, constructions and has operated two projects after completion. The most recent years his work was chief draftsman, Am. R. G. Land and Ir. Co., Mercedes, Tex., 1907; Principal Asst. Engr., Laid and Water Co., San Benito, Tex., 1907-8-9; Supervising Engr. Structures, Sacramento Valley Ir. Co., Willows, Calif., 1910-11-12-13; Construction Engr. Atascadero Colonies, Atascadero, Calif., 1913-14; Mgr. Supt., Santa Ysabel Land and Water Co., Salinas Valley, Calif., 1914-16; Engr. and Supt., Cameron County Water Improvement District, 1916-18; San Benito, Tex. Ir. Engr., Reclamation Service U. S. in Southern States, 1918-19; Supt. Construction Bureau Public Roads in 1919; Ir. Engr., Sacramento Valley, Calif., Drainage and Irrigation Districts, 1920-21; Location Engr. Canal System, Wichita County Water Improvement Districts, 1921-22; Construction Engineer, 1922-24; Chief Engineer and Supt., 1924-25; Consulting Engr., 1925-26. At present he is doing the same sort of work on new districts that are forming, and also does private work.

He was married to Alice L. Thayer at St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 26, 1902.

She belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was born at Glasgow, Mo., July 31, 1880, and educated in the St. Joseph schools. She was baptized there as a Baptist in 1891. To them were born, the first two in St. Joseph, Mo., the third one in San Francisco, Calif., and the last one in SanBenito, Tex., namely:

1—Perry A., Jr., Jan. 20, 1904, Seventh Generation, died two days later.

2—Alice Thayer, June 15, 1906, Seventh Generation, is now in college in Texas.

3—Wm. Robertson, Apr. 11, 1912, Seventh Generation, now in school.

4—John Allen, Sept. 11, 1918, Seventh Generation, now in school.

### II—Dorsey H. Welty, Sixth Generation.

Dorsey H. was born Nov. 8, 1880, and died June 24, 1881.

## SECTION II.

### Christian Welty, Third Generation, 1780-1827.

Christian was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1780. He was the second son of Ulrich Welty, the second ancestral branch of the Welty family herein given. As a young man, on confession of faith he was initiated into the Mennonite Church by baptism, in his native land. He entered the marriage bond with Anna Röthlisberger about 1818. They lived on Gratery mountain, between Mountier and Court. He departed this life in 1827, and she remained a widow until her demise in 1868. Then her children, Anna and Katharine, with their families came to America in 1871.

## CHAPTER I.

### Anna Welty, Zingg, Fourth Generation, 1820-1888.

Anna was born in Tscheiwo, Canton Bern, Münster, Switzerland, Aug. 28, 1820. She became a member of the Mennonite Church on Easter Sunday in 1838, in Tscheiwo, Court society, Oberamt Münster, through baptism by Rev. Jacob Nusbaum. She was married to Christian Zingg Jan. 5, 1847, at Corgemont Mt. in the Mennonite Church by Rev. John Zingg. He died Nov. 24, 1880, and she followed Apr. 17, 1888. They came to America in May, 1871, and first located near Bluffton, Allen Co., Ohio, where he worked on a farm. He was born in the place of their marriage,

Jan. 21, 1816, and on confession of faith was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church on Easter Sunday in 1833 by Rev. John Zingg. Christian was a son of Nicklaus Zingg and Katharina Nussbaum, his wife. To this union were born:

A—A son who died in infancy before he was named.

B—Katharina Zingg (Stauffer) Habegger, Fifth Generation, Berne, Ind.

Katharina was born in Tscheiwo Oberamt Münster, Switzerland, Jan. 30, 1851. On Easter Sunday in 1865, she received, on confession of faith, baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. In 1871 she came with her parents to America, first located near Bluffton, Ohio. But later came to Indiana, where she was married to David Stauffer, Apr. 15, 1883. He was a son of Christian Stauffer of Wayne Co., Ohio, where he was born Oct. 3, 1837. When he was three years old he came with his parents to Berne, Ind., and on confession of faith he was baptized and admitted to membership in the Mennonite Church by Rev. U. Kipfer. Later on he became a S. S. teacher. His vocation was farming and carpentering. He departed this life in Berne, Apr. 27, 1901. On Sept. 4, 1903, she was married to Abraham M. Habegger, who was born Nov. 28, 1848, and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church on Easter Sunday in 1864 by Rev. David Nussbaum, in Switzerland. May 10, 1867, he immigrated to America and located near Berne, where he engaged in farming. Her children by her first husband were born near Berne, Ind.:

I—Albert W. Stauffer, Sixth Generation, Merchant, Markle, Ind.

Albert W. entered this life Oct. 25, 1884. He has a good education. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, Feb. 9, 1902. He is a clothing merchant in Markle, Ind. He was united in marriage with Emma Neaderhauser of Berne, Dec 1, 1912. She was born Nov. 17, 1884. They transferred their membership to the M. E. Church in Markle. To them is born:

1—Max LaVern, July 14, 1916, Seventh Generation.

II—Menno E. Stauffer, Sixth Generation, Berne, Ind., Mfr.

Menno E. entered this life Oct. 28, 1885. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church in Berne, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, Feb. 9, 1902. He is a gradnate of the Academy and Business department of the Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. He is Mgr. of the Repair Dept. of the Dunbar Furniture Mfg. Co., of Berne, Ind. In the church he has served

as assistant S. S. Supt. He married Huldah H. Gilliom of Berne, Ind., Mar. 31, 1923. To their home has come:

1—Elsie Jane, July 29, 1925, Seventh Generation.

III—Amos O. Stauffer, Sixth Generation, Berne, Ind., Carpenter.

Amos O. entered the arena of life May 25, 1887. By baptism he was initiated into the Mennonite Church in Berne, May 24, 1903. He has a good education. He is a busy and practical carpenter. He was united in marriage with Elda Steiner June 3, 1917. She entered life Dec. 8, 1887. They were married in the Mennonite Church by Rev. S. F. S. She was baptized Feb. 21, 1909, and admitted to this church by the same Rev. as he.

IV—David D. Stauffer, Sixth Generation, Berne, Ind., Buyer.

David D. began his earthly activities Sept. 25, 1889. He received baptism and reception into the Berne Mennonite Church Jan. 12, 1904. He has a graded school education. He is a cream and produce buyer of this place. He entered the marriage bond with Ida Lehman Jan. 7, 1912. She was born Apr. 13, 1892, and baptized and received into his church, May 19, 1907. They are the parents of:

1—Evelyne Verena, Apr. 15, 1913, and died July 19, 1914.

2—Ornell James, Jan. 24, 1916, Seventh Generation.

3—Betty Mae, May 21, 1921, Seventh Generation.

V—Rachel D. Stauffer, Sixth Generation.

Rachel was born Mar. 23, 1891, and as a flower cut off Aug. 30, same year.

VI—Noah E. Stauffer, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Core-Worker.

Noah E. entered life's pathway Oct. 19, 1892. He obtained a graded school education. He was baptized and admitted into the Berne Mennonite Church May 19, 1907. He is a core-worker in the Bowser and Co. Mfg., Ft. Wayne, Ind. He married Ida E. Amstutz of Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 28, 1912. She was born June 21, 1891, and baptized and received into the Mennonite Church on Good Friday, in 1907. To their domicile arrived:

1—Geo. David, Sept. 13, 1913, Seventh Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio.

2—Earl Daniel, Oct. 13, 1915, Seventh Generation, Berne, Ind.

3—N. Elmer, July 28, 1922, Seventh Generation, Berne, Ind.

C—Anna N. Zingg, Luginbill, Fifth Generation, Farmers, 1853-1923.

Anna was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Nov. 18, 1853. She only attended school two months. She was baptized and received into the

Mennonite Church by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum on Easter Sunday, 1869, in Switzerland. She emigrated to America in the spring of 1871, first stopped in Wayne Co., Ohio, but soon afterwards settled in Allen Co., Ohio. Here she was married to John N. Luginbill, Dec. 16, 1875, by Rev. John Moser, of the Swiss Mennonite Church of Bluffton, Ohio, where both were members. They lived on a farm near Columbus Grove, Ohio. He was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Sept. 6, 1847. When about four years old he came to America with his father, mother having died at his birth. They settled in Wayne Co., Ohio, where he grew to manhood in the home of Peter Tschantz. Later on, he came to Allen Co., Ohio, engaging in carpenter work until he married, when he entered upon farming. On June 7, 1884, he was kicked by one of his horses on his temple which proved fatal 14 hours later. She was left with five small boys. She continued farming in widowhood 38 years, until she passed to her reward Dec. 19, 1923. To this union were born near Columbus Grove, Ohio:

I—William J. Luginbill, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Columbus Grove, O.

Wm. entered this life Oct. 18, 1876. He attended district school, worked as farmhand for some years. He joined the Swiss Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio, on Good Friday, 1895, by baptism, administered by Rev. John Moser. He married Bertha Haas Jan. 30, 1900. She was born Apr. 13, 1877, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. She came to America with her parents in the fall of 1886, where she united with the Swiss Mennonite Church on Good Friday, 1892. They are farmers in Richland Tp, Allen Co., Ohio, near Columbus Grove. To this union were born on their farm:

1—Esther Gustava Luginbill, Hoffstetter, Seventh Generation.

Esther was born Jan. 5, 1901. She attended district school, and graduated from the Pandora high school in 1920. Then she attended Bluffton College one year and one summer term. Then she taught rural school for three terms. She was baptized and joined the Swiss Mennonite Church on Easter Sunday of 1916, Rev. W. S. Gottschall, pastor. Dec. 23, 1923, she married Waldo Clinton Hoffstetter of Bluffton, Ohio. He, too, is a member of her church. He was born Sept. 20, 1901, and graduated from the Bluffton high school in 1921. He is a freshman in the Bluffton College now. But during vacation he farms. To them is born in Bluffton, Ohio:

a—Rebecca Wendaline, Dec. 26, 1924, Eighth Generation.

2—Elma Eleanor Luginbill, Diller, Seventh Generation, Farmers, Bluffton, Ohio.

Elma E. began her life Jan. 14, 1903. She attended rural school. For several years she worked for the Boss Glove Factory and Meter Works at Bluffton, Ohio, and was also housekeeper for her uncle Noah for some time prior to marriage, June 13, 1925, with Roy Earl Diller. He was born June 5, 1901. He only attended district school. Both are members of the Swiss Mennonite Church. They are farmers near Bluffton, Ohio.

3—John Wendall Luginbill, Seventh Generation, Bookkeeper, Toledo, O.

John was initiated to this world Mar. 8, 1905. Besides district school he had one year of high school in Pandora, Ohio, and three years at Bluffton high school, where he graduated in 1923. Then he attended one year Tri-State Business College in Toledo, Ohio. At present he is bookkeeper and assistant cashier for Vandersall & Co., Bond Brokers in Toledo. He was baptized and initiated into the Swiss Mennonite Church Apr. 18, 1919, by Rev. W. S. Gottschall.

4—Milton Herman Luginbill, Seventh Generation.

Milton entered this life Aug. 10, 1907. He only attended district school. By baptism he was initiated into the Swiss Mennonite Church Apr. 16, 1922, by Rev. W. S. G.

5—David Dwight Luginbill, Seventh Generation.

David D. came into being Oct. 22, 1909. Besides district school he is now a Junior in the Bluffton high school. By baptism he united with the Swiss Mennonite Church Apr., 1923.

6—Myron Glen Luginbill, Seventh Generation.

Myron G. entered the race of life Feb. 24, 1912. He is now in district school.

7—Melvina Mae Luginbill, Seventh Generation.

Melvina M. entered life July 15, 1914, and is now in district school.

8—Francis Wilson Luginbill, Seventh Generation.

Francis W. was born Mar. 8, 1917, and is now in school.

11—Noah Luginbill, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Columbus Grove, Ohio.

Noah entered his voyage of life Aug. 8, 1878. He only has a rural school education. He is a farmer, owning the old home place. He was baptized by Rev. J. Moser Mar., 1903, and joined the Swiss Mennonite Church.

III—Menno Luginbill, Sixth Generation, Farmer.

Menno was born Jan. 27, 1880. He attended only district school. He is a farmer. He was received by baptism into the Swiss Mennonite Church on an Easter Sunday by Rev. J. Moser.

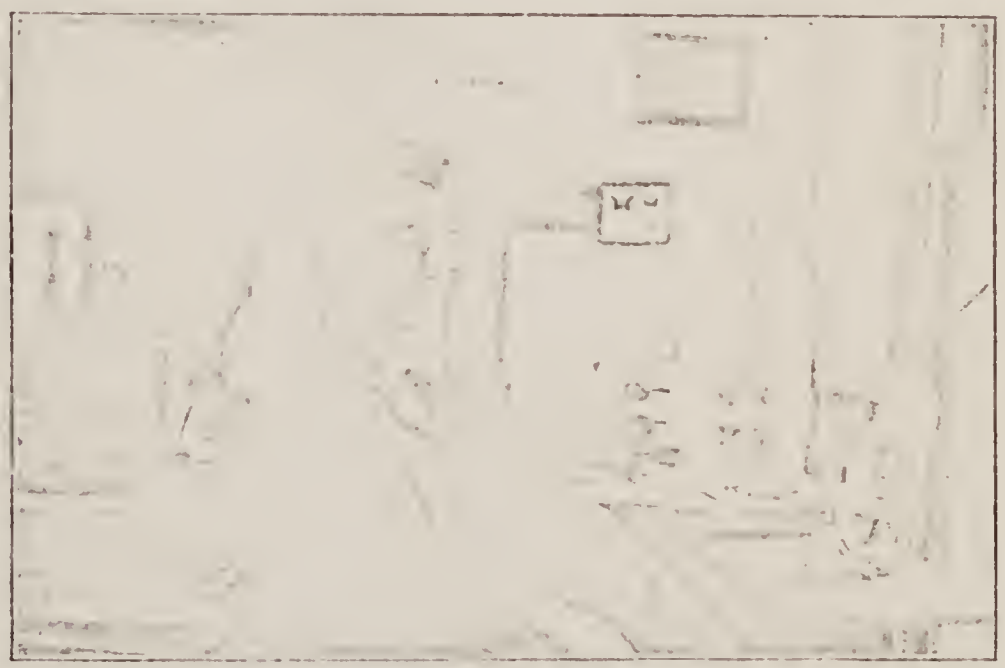
IV—David Luginbill, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

David was born Feb. 1, 1882. He only attended district school. He is a farmer. He was married to Elma Schumacher, Mar. 4, 1917, of Bluffton, Ohio, where she was born Dec. 30, 1886. Both were initiated by baptism, May, 1903, into the Swiss Mennonite Church, by Rev. J. Moser. He is now a member of the St. John's Church and she of the Grace Church in Pandora, Ohio. To them were born:

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1—Pam Eldon, Mar. 28, 1918.
2—Anna Marie, Nov. 22, 1919.
3—Ellen Grace, Mar. 26, 1921.
4—Treva Lavon, Apr. 18, 1922.
5—Clorinda Mae, Jan. 28, 1925.

V—Dr. Philip Luginbill, Sixth Generation, Drawer 359, Monroe, Mich.



DR. PHILIP LUGINBILL

Dr. Philip, son of John and Anna (Zingg) Luginbill, was born at Columbus Grove, Ohio, Oct. 16, 1884. He was reared on a farm. Besides country school he attended the Columbus Grove high school, graduating in 1904. Then he taught school in Putnam Co., Ohio, in 1904-06; then entered Ohio State University at Columbus, and graduated in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Science of Agriculture. He entered the service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1910, being in this service since.

His work has been insect studies pertaining to cereal and forage crops. For some time previous to 1926 he was located at Columbus, S. C., in charge of a field station of the department. He is now in charge of the European Corn Borer Laboratory in Michigan with headquarters at Monroe, Mich. This is a joint project, the cooperators being the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing. He has charge of the work inaugurated by the Federal Government at this place. He obtained the A. M. degree from the University of South Carolina in 1917, and Ph. D. from George Washington University, D. C., 1924.

He married Alma K. Dean, daughter of Chas. F. Dean, formerly of Glendale, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1909. She was born Mar. 21, 1888, at Washington Court House, Ohio. She was baptized in the Glendale Presbyterian Church in 1900. He joined the First Presbyterian Church in Lafayette, Ind., in 1910, by confession of faith. Both transferred their membership to the First Presbyterian Church to Columbia, S. C. To them were born here, and also baptized by Rev. Blackwood, pastor, except the first child.

1—Dean Osborn Luginbill, Seventh Generation.

Dean O. was born at Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 19, 1911, and baptized in 1912 and joined the parents' church in Columbia, S. C., in 1923.

2—Webster Francis Luginbill, Seventh Generation.

Webster F. was born Apr. 23, 1914, and baptized as a child.

3—Georgia Annette, born Dec. 26, 1915, and baptized as a child.

4—Philip, Jr., born Aug. 17, 1917, and baptized as a child.

5—Charles Fredrick, born Sept. 2, 1922, and baptized as a child.

His address now is, Drawer 359, Monroe, Mich., U. S. Dept. Agricultural Bureau of Entomology.

D—Marianna Zingg, Badertscher, Fifth Generation.

Marianna entered this life Apr. 9, 1855, in Tscheiwo, Society Court, Amt Münster, Switzerland. Here she obtained schooling. In 1871 she came with her parents to America and located in Putnam Co., Ohio. As a young woman by baptism she joined the Mennonite Church. She married Fredrick Badertscher of Allen Co., Nov. 13, 1879. He was born in Switzerland June 14, 1847, and died July, 1915, at Bluffton, Ohio. He was a Mennonite. All their children were baptized in youth. They only attended district school and were born in Putnam Co., Ohio, except the youngest was born in Allen Co.:

I—Emma Badertscher, Reichenbach, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Emma began her life Sept. 8, 1880. She married H. L. Reichenbach Nov. 6, 1904. They are farmers, near Pandora, Ohio, where they are members of the St. John's M. Church. He was born May 28, 1874. To them were born in Allen Co., Ohio:

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1—Mildred A., Aug. 29, 1905.
2—Harley R., Feb. 1, 1907.
3—Myron V., July 3, 1908.
4—Geneva O., July 28, 1909.
5—Francis L., Sept. 8, 1911.
6—Cleona V., Aug. 13, 1913.
7—Helen N., Apr. 17, 1915.
8—Margaret A., Sept. 7, 1916.
9—Gladys P., June 27, 1918.
10—Fredrick H., May 27, 1920.
11—Dale D., Jan. 11, 1922.
12—James W., Apr. 20, 1924.

II and III—Christian and Sarah Badertscher, Sixth Generation.

Christian and Sarah were born twins Oct. 30, 1881. Both grew to maturity. In the bloom of life they were called home, he on Sept. 27, 1900, and she on Oct. 8, 1905.

IV—Daniel Badertscher, Sixth Generation.

Daniel came to be Oct. 4, 1883. He is a farmer and is unmarried. No other word.

V—Fred C. Badertscher, Sixth Generation.

Fred C. entered this life Feb. 1, 1886. He was married to Ora Frech in Nov., 1914. They are farmers and Mennonites. No other word.

VI—Anna Badertscher, Sixth Generation.

Anna was born Sept. 22, 1888. She is a Mennonite and unmarried, and aids mother.

VII—Noah J. Badertscher, Sixth Generation, Beaverdam, Ohio.

Noah J. was born Apr. 7, 1891. He married Lydia Steiner Mar. 1915. They are farmers and Mennonites in the Ebenezer Church. She was born Nov. 26, 1883. To them were born:

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1—Corinna W., Feb. 6, 1916.
2—MaRoa A., Jan. 29, 1918.
3—Wayne F., Jan. 21, 1921.
4—Fern S., Mar. 17, 1924.

VIII—William Badertscher, Sixth Generation.

Wm. was born July 7, 1894. He is a farmer and is unmarried and is a Mennonite.

IX—Menno Badertscher, Sixth Generation, Clerk, Bluffton, Ohio.

Menno began life Dec. 11, 1899. He married Geneva Patterson of Bluffton, Ohio, June, 1925. He clerks in a store in Bluffton, Ohio. Here he graduated in the high school.

E—Elizabeth Zingg died a few days old.

F—Christian Zingg died when three years old.

## CHAPTER II.

### Katharina Welty, Amstutz, Fourth Generation, 1822-1902.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN AMSTUTZ

Katharina began her trials of life in Gratery Mountain, above Mountier (Münster) Jura Bernois, Switzerland, Apr. 16, 1822. She received some schooling at home from a hired hand. As a young woman she was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church at Tscheiwo by Bishop Jacob Nussbaum. She entered matrimony in 1847 with John Amstutz, son of Johannes Amstutz and his wife Elizabeth Burkhalter, Laiänie bei Bellelay, Oberamt



Sons and daughters of John and Katherina (Welty) Amstutz: Upper Row—Benjamin, Jacob A., Mariann. Lower Row—John L., Abraham, Daniel H.

Münster, Canton Bern, Switzerland. In the spring of 1848 they moved with their first born son on a little farm, "Unter der Fluh" near Sonceboz,

remaining five years. In 1853 they moved to La Chaux d'Abel on a dairy farm, where they engaged in farming and cheesemaking. Here there was a better opportunity for their children to obtain a good common school education, and under more favorable Christian influences, than was generally the case among Mennonites. Here they could be trained to good singing for which they all possessed good talents from grandfather down. After the French-German war in 1871 the entire family, except the two youngest, emigrated to the United States, and settled in Wayne Co., Ohio (Sonnenberg), where they remained until death. Father passed away Jan. 27, 1899, age 75 years, 11 months and 23 days, and mother followed Dec. 7, 1902, age 80 years, 7 months and 21 days. To them were born:

A—John L. Amstutz, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Apple Creek, Ohio.

John L. entered the path of life at Lasaigue de Bellelay in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 2, 1848. He obtained a good common school education in German, French, and English. He was initiated into the Mennonite Church by baptism in his native land on Easter Sunday, 1863, by Rev. Jacob Schneck, "Chaux d' Abel Gemeinde". He ever manifested a spirit of loyalty and devotion to his church, and faithfully kept the trusts committed to him. He was entrusted the office of an Elder in the church for 18 years. When the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference, near Dalton, Ohio, was organized in 1886, he was elected its choir leader which position he held uninterruptedly until 1919. This showed ability as a leader in chorus work and congregational singing. He was a farmer all his life, and with it he served as secretary of the Sonnenberg Fire and Lightning Insurance Association, having held this office for 40 years. This also is evidence of the confidence the citizens reposed in him. He was married to Barbara L. Tschantz of Sonnenberg, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1872, Rev. C. Sommer officiating. She was born Jan. 7, 1851, and by baptism initiated into the Mennonite Church Apr. 23, 1869. To this union were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

I—Henry Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Orrville, Ohio.

Henry was born Sept. 7, 1873. He has only a district schooling. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church of the General Conference, Nov. 29, 1888, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. He married Ada Brenneman May 9, 1897, Rev. D. M. Irvin officiating. She was born Sept. 23, 1873. He is a farmer near Orrville, Ohio. She went to her reward July 13, 1908. He entered the marriage bond again with Alice Wirth of Orrville, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1915. She was born Aug. 22, 1885. His children are:

1—Lizzie Amstutz, Steiner, Seventh Generation, Orrville, Ohio.

Lizzie entered this life June 2, 1898. She has a common school education. She entered the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference by baptism when a young woman. She was married to Earl Steiner Dec. 1, 1920, who was born near Orrville Dec. 17, 1891. He was baptized in the Christ Reformed Church in Orrville, where he also joined Apr. 9, 1911. He works for the Wood Preserving Co. To them were born:

a—Tilden Earl, Nov. 9, 1922, Eighth Generation.

b—Mary Elizabeth, Dec. 5, 1924, Eighth Generation.

2—Irvin D. Amstutz, Seventh Generation, Clerk, Orrville, Ohio.

Irvin D. began his earthly career near Orrville, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1905. Besides common school he attended the Orrville high school. He received baptism and reception into the Christ Reformed Church in Orrville, Ohio. He is clerking in a dry goods store in this place. He is yet single.

3—Herrold, May 30, 1917, Seventh Generation.

4—Lester, Oct. 5, 1918, Seventh Generation.

II—Franklin B. Amstutz Sixth Generation, Traveling Salesman, Berne, Ind.

Franklin B. entered the path of life near Dalton, Ohio, July 6, 1876. He has a good education. He was baptized and admitted into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Oct. 14, 1892, by Rev. J. Lenman. He was joined in wedlock to Naomi Sprunger, Oct. 28, 1902, by the same Rev. She was born in Berne, Ind., Oct. 8, 1880, where she was baptized and admitted into the First Mennonite Church by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. For some years he was a stockholder in the Berne Lumber Co., Berne, Ind., and was foreman in the planing mill. For a number of years he was in the furniture and undertaking business in Berne, and is now travelling for the Berne Overall & Shirt Co. To their home circle were added:

1—Dessie Iona Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Dessie I. entered the arena of life Nov. 5, 1903, in Berne, Ind. She was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., June 24, 1917. She graduated from the Berne high school, May 29, 1921. She is yet single.

2—Lucile Harriet Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Lucile H. entered the race of life in Berne, Ind., Sept 5, 1908.

She received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., June 10, 1923. She graduated from the Berne high school in 1926.

3—Ralph Wm. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Ralph Wm. entered the trials of life Oct. 26, 1910, in Berne, Ind. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., June 28, 1925. He is a Junior in the Berne high school.

4—Agnes Barbara Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Agnes B. entered this life Mar. 22, 1914. She is in the Berne public school.

5—Anna Marie Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Anna Marie started on her earthly life Mar. 3, 1919, and is now in school.

6—Arthur Warren Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Arthur W. commenced his voyage of life July 6, 1921.

III—Levi E. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Levi E. came into being near Dalton, Ohio, Apr. 28, 1878. He has a common school education. He was baptized and admitted into the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference near Dalton, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1893, by Rev. J. Lehman. Farming is his vocation. He married Ida E. Sprunger of Berne, Ind., Dec. 5, 1907. Here she was born July 5, 1881, and baptized and received into the Mennonite Church as a young woman. She served in this church as S. S. teacher and otherwise was active for the Lord's cause. To their home in Kidron, Wayne Co., Ohio, came:

1—Adrian H. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Adrian H. was born Apr. 15, 1909. He was baptized and admitted into his parents' church Oct., 1922. He graduated from high school in 1926.

2—Ruth Marjorie Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Ruth M. was born Mar. 22, 1911. She was baptized and received into her parents' church Apr. 13, 1924. She is a Freshman in high school.

3—John Lyman Amstutz was born June 9, 1916, and died the same day.

4—Laverne E. Amstutz, Seventh Generation, was born Apr. 27, 1920, in Altoona, Pa. He is now in school.

### IV—Rev. John E. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Trenton, Ohio.



REV. J. E. AMSTUTZ

John E. began his efforts in life Apr. 1, 1881. He received baptism and reception into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, Apr. 12, 1895, by Rev. J. Lehman. He was a student in the Dalton high school and then two years in the Central Mennonite College at Bluffton, Ohio. He taught school three winter and three summer terms. Then he farmed a number of years, when he again entered the aforesaid college, where he graduated in 1906. After this he continued specializing in studies preparatory to ministerial work. He was married to Levina Amstutz of Bluffton, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1905, by Rev. J. W. Kliewer of Berne, Ind. She was born Apr. 9, 1882, and baptized by Rev. J. Moser on Good Friday, 1900, when she also joined the Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio. In 1907 he had charge of the Mennonite Church of Trenton, Ohio, filling the place of Rev. H. J. Krehbiel, who had a leave of absence for one year. He is now (1925) the regular pastor of this place doing effective Christian work. To them were born:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Bernice Easter, Apr. 15, 1906.
2—Kenneth Leland, Dec. 21, 1907.
3—Maurene Winifred, Aug. 10, 1909.
4—John Howard, Feb. 24, 1912.

### V—Susan R. Amstutz, Sprunger, Sixth Generation, Orrville, O., Farmers.

Susan E. entered this life June 17, 1885. She received a graded school education. She received baptism by Rev. J. Lehman Apr. 13, 1900, and reception into the Mennonite Church of the General Conference, near Dalton, Ohio. For a number of years she ably served the church as organist. She married Cornelius Sprunger of Berne, Ind., Dec. 23, 1909, Rev. A. A. Sommer officiating. They are farmers. He was born Nov. 10, 1883, at Berne, Ind., where he obtained a graded school education. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Feb. 9, 1902. He served two years as S. S. Supt. and 15 years as teacher. To their home were added at Orrville, Ohio:

Seventh Generation

1—John Leland, July 5, 1911.
2—Lauren Jacob, July 12, 1913.
3—Vera Harriet, Sept. 4, 1914.
4—James Amstutz, Apr. 28, 1917.
5—Carl Manyard, Sept. 15, 1918.
6—Barbara Ann, Aug. 30, 1923.

VI—Martha Dora Amstutz, (Mrs. Rev.) Sommer, Dalton, Ohio.

Martha D. entered the path of life Apr. 29, 1887. She received a graded school education, and baptism and reception into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1902, by Rev. A. A. Sommer. She entered married life with Rev. A. W. Sommer, Dec. 31, 1908. He was born July 11, 1885, near Dalton, and educated in graded and high school, and then for two years both attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Previous to going to Chicago he was farming. At present he labors during the week and preaches on Sundays at the Tabernacle, Kidron, Ohio. He was baptized and admitted to the aforesaid church Nov., 1905. To them were born:

1—Zena Grace, Feb. 10, 1910, Seventh Generation.
2—Vesta Elizabeth, Sept. 13, 1918, Seventh Generation.

VII—Hulda R. Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Huldah R. came to this world July 17, 1893. She has a district education. She was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference near Dalton, Ohio. She does housework, and travels the single track of life.

VIII—Paul Otto Amstutz, born July 8, 1897, and departed the same day.

B—Abraham Amstutz, Fifth Generation, Farmer, 1849-1925.

Abraham was born in "Unter der Fluh", Canton Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 9, 1849. Early in life he came to America with his parents. He had a fair German and English schooling. By baptism he was admitted into the Mennonite Church in his native land by Rev. David Nussbaum, and in Wayne Co., Ohio, he first belonged to the Swiss Mennonites, later transferred to the General Conference Mennonites. He was a farmer, in which he took great pride and delight. He was married to Elizabeth Tschantz of Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 22, 1874, by Rev. C. Sommer. She was born Nov. 20, 1852, and received admission by baptism into his church Apr. 14, 1872. She passed to her celestial reward May 1, 1916, and he had to undergo two operations for bladder trouble, followed by six weeks' intense suffering when death released him of it July 1, 1925. She died after

18 months of lingering with heart trouble and other complications. Both were faithful and esteemed members of the church and respected citizens. To them were born near Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio.

**I—Ida Amstutz, Badertscher, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.**

Ida entered this life June 20, 1875. Rev. A. A. Sommer, by baptism, received her into membership of the Salem Mennonite Church Apr., 1889. She married Fred Badertscher May 10, 1896, Rev. J. Lehman officiating. He was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Apr. 7, 1871, and in youth came to America, settling in Wayne Co., Ohio, where he was initiated into the Salem Mennonite Church by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. Both have a common school education. Farming has been their vocation, residing near Dalton, where were born to them:

**1—Elma Badertscher, Moser, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.**

Elma entered life June 2, 1897. She has a common school education. She received admission by baptism into the Salem Mennonite Church Oct., 1909, by Rev. A. A. Sommer. She united in marriage with Calvin Moser Sept. 4, 1920, Rev. M. A. Niswander officiating. He was born Feb. 9, 1900, and baptized in July, 1920. He is farming and specializing in fruit raising. To their home near Dalton, Ohio, came:

a—Dorothy, July, 1923, Eighth Generation, died on her birthday.

b—Robert, May 30, 1925, Eighth Generation.

**2—Amos E. Badertscher, Seventh Generation, Teacher.**

Amos was initiated to this life June 30, 1898. Having finished graded school he entered Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, where he graduated June, 1921. He was initiated into the Mennonite Church by baptism in 1911, by Rev. A. A. Sommer. He is now a high school teacher, with a bright future before him.

**3—Elam Badertscher, Seventh Generation.**

Elam was born Jan. 23, 1900, and passed away Feb. 18, same year.

**4—Marie Badertscher, Seventh Generation.**

Marie was born Oct. 15, 1902, and departed the same day.

**5—Monroe Moody Badertscher, Seventh Generation, Laborer.**

Monroe M. began his life Dec. 26, 1903. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church by Rev. S. P. Preheim in 1913. Besides graded school he went one year to the Dalton high school. He is now employed in a Steel Mill Roller Co.

6—Edwin Frederick Badertscher, Seventh Generation, Student.

Edwin F. entered life Nov. 1, 1905. Rev. A. W. Sommer received him into the Mennonite Church by baptism Apr., 1916. Besides district school he graduated from the Dalton high school May, 1925, and is now a student in Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, preparatory to a useful career in life.

7—Paul Theo. Badertscher, Seventh Generation, Student.

Paul Theo. came into being Oct. 23, 1907. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1921 by Rev. M. A. Niswander. He is now a high school student in Dalton, Ohio.

8—Mollie Elizabeth Badertscher, Seventh Generation.

Mollie E. entered life's activities Aug. 30, 1909. She was baptized by the same Rev. as Paul and received into the Mennonite Church Sept. 1922. She is now a student in the Dalton high school expecting to graduate there, and aspires to college studies.

9—Mildred Marie Badertscher, Seventh Generation.

Mildred M. started on her voyage in life Aug. 2, 1911. Rev. Austin Keiser baptized and received her into the Mennonite Church in Oct., 1925. She expects to enter Dalton high school next fall, 1926.

II—Bertha Amstutz, Sixth Generation, 1876-1905.

Bertha came to this world Oct. 6, 1876. She grew to maturity, but departed Dec. 19, 1905.

III—Edwin E. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, 1877-1902.

Edwin E. was born Nov. 29, 1877. Oct. 6, 1893, he joined the Mennonite Church by baptism and departed this life Mar. 15, 1902.

IV—Caroline Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Caroline entered the arena of life Sept. 19, 1879. She obtained a good education. She was baptized and admitted into her parents' church Oct. 6, 1893, by Rev. J. Lehman. She travels the single path of life.

V—Reuben Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Student, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Reuben entered this life Jan. 31, 1881. The rite of baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church was accorded him by Rev. J. Lehman Apr. 3, 1896. For some time he farmed but is now (1926) a student in the Bible School at Pittsburgh, Pa., equipping himself for better religious work.

### VI—Esther Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Esther's life dates from Mar. 25, 1882. She was baptized and received into her parents' church by Rev. J. Lehman, Nov. 13, 1898. She has a fair education and is unmarried.

### VII—Rev. Menno S. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Kenmore, Ohio.



REV. M. S. AMSTUTZ

Rev. Menno was born Aug. 4, 1883, baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference, Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 13, 1898. Besides rural school he attended Dalton high school, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, where he graduated in 1909; and from the Baldwin Wallace Academy in 1913. He also attended the college at Berea Ohio, and the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, N. Y. For a number of years he taught school in Wayne Co., Ohio, with good success. He first preached for the Mennonite Church, but later joined the Christian Missionary Alliance. Altogether he has preached 16 years, served pastorates in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, and now (1926) in Kenmore, Ohio. He was wedded to Louisa M. Sprunger of Berne, Ind., Nov., 1909, where she was born Oct. 29, 1885, and obtained her education and taught school for four years. She, too, is a graduate from the Moody Bible Institute, and manifests a deep spiritual Christian zeal and courage in assisting him, jointly with her household duties, in pastoral work and conducting religious meetings. She has been a S. S. teacher for many years. To them were born:

#### 1—Magdalena Charlotte, Seventh Generation.

Magdalena C. entered life at Berea, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1911. Apart from her regular school work she is also a music student and the pianist in father's church.

2—Mahlon Sunday, June 28, 1915, Seventh Generation, Springtown, Pennsylvania.

3—Mary Eunice, Feb. 28, 1918, Seventh Generation, Mattoon, Ill.



4—Jonathan Lee, June 19, 1921, Seventh Generation, Mattoon, Ill.
5—Lois Adelaide, Dec. 12, 1922, Seventh Generation, Indianapolis, Ind.

### VIII—Mollie Amstutz, Sixth Generation, 1885-1903.

Mollie was born Sept. 2, 1885. Rev. J. Lehman baptized and received her into the Salem Mennonite Church Apr. 13, 1900. She had district and high school training. Then she taught a term of summer and winter school. Tuberculosis ended her earthly career, Oct. 10, 1903. She was a pleasant young woman, a sweet singer, and a faithful organist in the church, and dearly beloved by the church people.

### IX—David N. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Trucking, Orrville, O.

David N. began his earthly route June 2, 1887. Rev. A. A. Sommer initiated him by baptism into the Salem Mennonite Church, Sept. 8, 1902. He has a common school education. He loves music and is a fine singer. He entered married life with Elda Geiger Oct. 14, 1909, a daughter of Sem Geiger, born Mar. 21, 1889. For further history see Book I, Sec. IV, Chapter I, capital letter B, under Elda Geiger. His chief work is dairy product transportation.

### X—Elmer Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Wooster, Ohio, Salesman.

Elmer commenced his pilgrimage Apr. 12, 1892. He has a common school education. He was admitted to membership in the Salem Mennonite Church through baptism by Rev. A. A. Sommer, Oct. 27, 1907. He is a salesman. He married Hattie Bott Nov. 22, 1911. She was born Oct. 15, 1894. She obtained a high school education at Apple Creek, Ohio. After marriage he joined her church at Apple Creek, Ohio. To them were born:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Clair, July 14, 1912.
2—Audra, Oct. 23, 1915.
3—Orlen, Nov. 9, 1921.

## C—Daniel H. Amstutz, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Daniel H. was born "Unter der Fluh" in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Apr. 1, 1851. He went to school at LaChaux d' Abel in Switzerland. By baptism he was received into the Mennonite Church in his native land, Apr., 1865. He married Fanny Schwarz Mar. 11, 1876. She was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 26, 1856. They have been farmers all their life in Wayne Co., Ohio. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1868. She departed this life, Dec. 6, 1911. He has been a S. S. teacher. He was married a second time, Aug. 16, 1913, to Malinda Gerber.

She was born Nov. 12, 1864, in Wayne Co., Ohio. By baptism she joined the Mennonite Church Mar. 7, 1882. His children were all born in Wayne Co., Ohio, namely:

**I—Benjamin D. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Apple Creek, Ohio.**

Benjamin D. entered this life Aug. 5, 1879. He had the ordinary schooling. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1897. He united in marriage with Susan J. Hofstetter, Nov. 22, 1902. To this union were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

**Seventh Generation**

1—Alda M., Aug. 13, 1903.
2—Russel H., Apr. 28, 1905.
3—Wilson J., July 29, 1906.
4—Pearl E., Dec. 13, 1908.
5—Ida C., Jan. 16, 1910.
6—Verna G., Oct. 25, 1911.
7—Daniel H., Apr. 22, 1913.
8—Marg. K., May 16, 1915.
9—Samuel U., Mar. 19, 1917.
10—Robert N., June 10, 1920.
11—Marie E., Mar. 15, 1922.
12—Harold B., Mar. 14, 1923.

Alda M. is the mother of Mary Alice, born Aug. 25, 1923.

**II—Kate Amstutz, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Apple Creek, O.**

Kate entered the trials of life Oct. 2, 1880. She has a graded school education. She was received by baptism into the Mennonite Church in 1896. On Nov. 24, 1900, she married Daniel J. Hofstetter. They are farmers. To them were born near Apple Creek, Wayne Co., Ohio:

1—Alvin, Oct. 6, 1902, Seventh Generation.

**2—Earl Hofstetter, Seventh Generation.**

Earl was born Oct. 12, 1904. He has a common school education. He was married Oct. 22, 1923, to Teresa Long. To them were born, the first one in Peru, Ind., and the second in Wayne Co., Ohio:

**Eighth Generation**

a—Earl Daniel, Oct. 1, 1924. b—Richard Wynette, Dec., 1925.

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3—Viola, Mar. 15, 1906.
4—Dennies, Mar. 24, 1908.
5—Lorene, Oct. 25, 1911.
6—Eunice, Aug. 6, 1915.

**III—Adam D. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Trucking, Apple Creek, Ohio.**

Adam D. came into being July 15, 1884. He attended graded school. He became a member, by baptism, of the Mennonite Church in 1915. He was united in marriage with Anna Heldenbrand, Oct. 4, 1906. He is in

the trucking business. The first child was born in Stark Co., Ohio, the rest were all born in Wayne Co. Ohio. namely:

Seventh Generation

1—Helen M., Apr., 8, 1907.
2—Irene K., July 15, 1909.
3—Leona L., July 30, 1911.
4—Donald W., Feb. 23, 1913.
5—Florence A., July 14, 1915.
6—Louis A., July 14, 1917.
7—Norman A., Feb. 23, 1920.
8—Frieda J., May 23, 1922.
9—Baby girl, Nov. 18, 1925.

### IV—Dina Amstutz, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Dina entered life's pathway Mar. 27, 1886, and attended only common school. She was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church in 1902 She married Andrew J. Hofstetter, Dec. 28, 1907 To them was born in Wayne Co, Ohio:

1—Ruth, Jan. 30, 1909, Seventh Generation.

### V—Fannie Amstutz, Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Apple Creek, O.

Fannie entered life July 24, 1887, and received her education in rural school. She was admitted into the Mennonite Church by baptism in 1904. and married Simon A. Gerber Nov. 15, 1906. He is a farmer near Apple Creek. Ohio, where their children were born:

1—Victor, Nov. 13, 1907, Seventh Generation.
2—Corrine, Jan. 12, 1913, Seventh Generation.
3—Murrie J., Dec. 6, 1917, Seventh Generation.

### VI—Ida Amstutz, Stauffer, Sixth Generation, Core Worker, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Ida commenced her career on earth, June 9, 1891. She has a common school education. She received membership in the Mennonite Church by baptism in 1907. For more history, see Sec. II, Chapter I, Letter B, Item VI. She married Noah E. Stauffer Nov. 28, 1912. He is a day-laborer in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Three children were born to them, the first one in Wayne Co., Ohio, the last two at Berne, Ind., viz.:

1—George D., Sept. 13, 1913, Seventh Generation.
2—Earl D., Oct. 13, 1915, Seventh Generation.
3—Noah Elmer, July 28, 1922, Seventh Generation.

### D—Benjamin Amstutz, Fifth Generation, Cheesemaker, 1853-1926.

Benjamin was born Feb. 27, 1853, at "Unter der Fluh", Canton Bern, Switzerland. He has a common school education. He was baptized by

Rev. D. Nussbaum, Apr. 21, 1867, Kleintal Mennonite Church in Switzerland. Farming and cheese making was his vocation. He was married twice, first to Verena Steiner Nov. 7, 1879, and secondly to Mrs. Fanny Hofstetter (nee Moser), Feb. 19, 1920. Verena Steiner was born Dec. 24, 1854, in Point Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio, and his second wife was born Mar. 30, 1866, in Sugar Creek Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio. The first wife was baptized Mar. 29, 1872, and the second one Apr. 3, 1885. Both were with him members of the Sonnenberg M. Church. Verena Steiner's father's name was John M. and her mother's, Elizabeth Amstutz; and his second wife's father's name Abraham P. Moser, and her mother's name was Maria Welty, daughter of "Hans" Welty. Time of death of his first wife not given. He died Apr. 5, 1926. The following are his children:

I—Daniel B. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.

Daniel B. entered the toils of life Oct. 3, 1877, near Dalton, Ohio. He has a graded school education. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church (Sonnenberg) Mar. 23, 1894, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. He married Ella M. Amstutz, July 10, 1898. She died Nov. 6, 1898. He was married again to Fannie Elizabeth Zaugg, Nov. 19, 1903. She was born in Perry Tp., Stark Co., Ohio, where she went to graded school. She was baptized in 1903 by Rev. J. N., when she joined his church. To them were born near Dalton, Ohio:

1—Clayton S. Amstutz, Seventh Generation, Lemon City, Fla.

Clayton S. came into being Aug. 16, 1904. He was educated in graded school. He was baptized and received into his parents' church by the same pastor, Apr. 2, 1920. At present he is at Lemon City, Fla.

2—Clarence V. Amstutz, Seventh Generation, Farmer.

Clarence V. began his earthly career Nov. 3, 1905. He was educated in graded school. He received baptism and reception into his parents' church Apr. 14, 1922, by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. He farms.

3—Anna V. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Anna V. entered life's pathway Mar. 12, 1907. She has a common schooling. She was baptized and received into her parents' church Apr. 14, 1922, by Rev. C. N. Amstutz.

4—Pauline S. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Pauline S. entered life Feb. 4, 1909. She is now in her second year of high school at Dalton, Ohio. She received baptism and admittance into her parents' church Apr. 10, 1925, by Rev. C. N. A.

5—Leona E. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Leona E. was born Dec. 7, 1911. She is in the second year of high school, Dalton, Ohio.

6—Ella M. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Ella M. arrived in this world Oct. 9, 1913. Now in graded school.

7—Emma I. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Emma J. began her race in life June 18, 1914, and is now in graded school.

8—Arlene F. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Arlene F. found a welcome Oct. 22, 1915, and is now in graded school.

9—LaVera H. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

LaVera H. was born Sept. 5, 1922, and as a fleeing shadow left Apr. 5, 1923.

10—Duane B. Amstutz was born June 12, 1924, Seventh Generation.

II—Sarah Amstutz, Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Sarah entered upon her career in Wayne Co., Ohio, May 9, 1879. She attended common school No. 9, Sugar Creek Tp. Baptism and membership in the Salem Mennonite Church was given her Apr. 12, 1895. She married Joel Gerber Mar. 22, 1900. They are farmers. Their children all went to Sugar Creek No. 9 school, namely:

1—George C. Gerber, Seventh Generation.

George C. came to this world Jan. 3, 1901. He received baptism and reception into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 21, 1916. He married Sarah Amstutz Feb. 3, 1921. She evidently belongs to the same church. To them were born:

a—Cletus Glen, Sept. 23, 1921, Eighth Generation.

b—Vernon Lee, Feb. 13, 1923, Eighth Generation.

2—Verena Gerber, Seventh Generation.

Verena was born Oct. 18, 1909. She received baptism and reception into her parents' church Apr. 10, 1925.

III—Anna D. Amstutz, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Anna D. entered the toils of life near Dalton, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1881. She was baptized and admitted into the Salem Mennonite Church, Apr. 12, 1895, by Rev. J. Lehman. She was united in marriage with David D.

Hofstetter, Mar. 1, 1900. He has a common school education He farms. To their home came:

1—Elvina Hofstetter, Gerber, Seventh Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Elvina was born Oct. 28, 1900. On Apr. 27, 1916, she received baptism and reception into the Swiss Mennonite Church by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. She was married to Oscar D. Gerber June 9, 1921. He is a farmer. To their home near Dalton, Ohio, came:

a—Clifford, May 29, 1922, Eighth Generation.

2—Elmer Hofstetter, Seventh Generation, Farmer.

Elmer came into action Sept. 27, 1902. He received baptism and reception into the Swiss Mennonite Church Mar. 29, 1918, by Rev. C. N. Amstutz. In 1922 he transferred to Salem Mennonite Church. He took Mame Hofstetter to wife Feb. 1, 1923. She was baptized Mar. 29, 1918, and belongs to the same church as he does. To them came:

a—Stanley F., Aug. 5, 1923, Eighth Generation.

IV—Amos Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Cheesemaker and Truck Farming, Dalton, Ohio.

Amos was born Dec. 20, 1884, at Dalton, Ohio. He was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church Mar. 31, 1899, by Rev. J. Lehman. On Apr. 5, 1901, he transferred to the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. He married Fannie Zuercher Feb. 6, 1904, at Dalton, Ohio. He was a cheesemaker from 1900-17. He is now farming, and truck growing. They welcomed to their home:

1—Urban S. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Urban S. was born July 8, 1904, and passed away Feb. 27, 1909.

2—Velma K. Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Velma K. entered this life June 22, 1907. She has ordinary rural schooling. She was baptized and received into her parents' church in 1923 by Rev. C. N. Amstutz.

Seventh Generation

3—Benjamin U., Jan. 12, 1910.
4—Evan C., Mar. 24, 1911.
5—Evelyn R., Aug. 15, 1912.
6—Sylvia G., July 8, 1915.
7—Mildred I., May 29, 1919.

V—Pauline Amstutz, Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Pauline was born Sept. 13, 1887. Educated in rural school. Baptized and received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 3, 1903. She

married Philip Gerber, Dec. 3, 1908. He was born Apr. 27, 1886, and baptized and received into the same church as she, Mar. 29, 1906. He farms. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Luella G., Jan. 31, 1910.
2—Elma R., Feb. 21, 1912.
3—Rhoda V., May 10, 1915.
4—Anna E., Nov. 18, 1919.

**VI—Elma Amstutz, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.**

Elma was born Oct. 28, 1894. Baptism was administered upon her and reception given into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Mar. 25, 1910, by Rev. J. Nassbaum. She was married to Reuben Hofstetter of Dalton, Ohio, Jan. 3, 1914. He is a farmer. To their family circle were added:

1—Benjamin Glen, Nov. 11, 1914, Seventh Generation.
2—Ellen Verena, May 31, 1917, Seventh Generation.

**E—Jacob Amstutz, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.**

Jacob was born in Switzerland, Apr. 4, 1856. He came to America in 1871, when 15 years old. He had scarcely any schooling. At seven years he attended a German school. After 12 years he had some French schooling. In America his opportunities seemed to be few. His vocation has been farming. He was baptized in Switzerland just before coming to America. He now belongs to the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. He was married to Verena Gerber, Dec. 1, 1883. She was a daughter of Christian N. Gerber. She was born Feb. 14, 1862, in Sugar Creek Tp, Wayne Co., Ohio, and baptized Apr. 11, 1879, and joined the same church he did. To them were born on Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, near Dalton:

I—Simon Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Simon was born Jan. 1, 1885, and as a lad passed away Dec. 11, 1891.

II—Rhoda Amstutz, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, 1886-1918.

Rhoda entered this life Oct. 8, 1886. She received baptism and admission into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1903. She married John C. Hofstetter of Sonnenberg Dec. 13, 1905. They had no children. She died June 18, 1918.

III—Lina Amstutz, Nussbaum, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Lina began her earthly life Mar. 20, 1888, near Marshallville, Ohio. The rite of baptism was administered upon her Apr. 3, 1904, and she

joined the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. She married in this church Samuel E. Nussbaum Oct. 14, 1909. They live in Paint Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio, where their children were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Esther, Aug. 9, 1910.
2—Harvey, Apr. 2, 1912.
3—George, June 2, 1914.
4—Edna, Jan. 23, 1917.
5—Pauline, Nov. 17, 1918.
6—William, July 15, 1920.
7—Verena, Jan. 19, 1923.

### IV—Louis Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Louis came into being near Marshallville, Ohio, Mar. 30, 1889. He has a district school education. He was baptized and joined the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 21, 1905, and married Elta J. Lehman Oct. 16, 1912. She attended common school. To their family circle were added:

1—Victor E., Apr. 13, 1915, Seventh Generation.
2—Idella M., Nov. 4 1918, Seventh Generation.

### V—Emma Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Emma entered the path of life Aug. 13, 1893, near Orrville, Ohio. She received baptism and reception into her parents' church Apr. 9, 1909. She is an invalid.

### VI—Enos W. Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Enos was born near Orrville, Ohio, Feb. 4, 1896. He received baptism and admission into his parents' church Apr. 10, 1914. In the prime of life he died, June 21, 1914.

### VII—Edna Amstutz, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Edna began her pilgrimage near Orrville, Ohio, May 10, 1898. She received baptism and reception into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Apr. 10, 1914. She married Aaron J. Lehman Mar. 6, 1919. To them were born:

1—Vernon, Feb. 6, 1921, Seventh Generation.
2—Nathan H., Aug. 11, 1925, Seventh Generation.

### VIII—Daniel F. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Daniel F. was born near Orrville, Ohio, Feb. 10, 1900. He was baptized and joined the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 21, 1916. He married Eva M. Gerber, June 14, 1920. He attended rural school. To them were born:

1—Lester D., Feb. 2, 1922, Seventh Generation.

2—Marvin, Mar. 3, 1924, Seventh Generation.

### IX—Albert Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Albert was born July 1, 1901, Orrville, Ohio. Baptized Apr. 21, 1916, and joined the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. He was married to Della Gerber Sept. 14, 1922. To them were born:

1—Agnes, Feb. 11, 1924, Seventh Generation.

2—Denes L., Oct. 6, 1925, Seventh Generation.

### F—Fanny Marianna Amstutz, Sommer, Fifth Generation, Farmer.

Fanny Marianna was born Sept. 10, 1858, in La Chaux d' Abel, Switzerland. She went to school at Bendorf, France, and after arriving in America, she attended rural school in Wayne Co., Ohio. She was baptized and admitted into the Swiss Mennonite Church on Claude Chapuis, Switzerland, Apr., 1871. She was united in marriage with Christian A. Sommer Feb. 18, 1886. His father's name was Abraham, and mother's Elizabeth Lehman. He also was a member of her church. He is a retired farmer. He only had rural school training. They never had children.

### G—Katharina Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

Katharina was born Aug. 6, 1861, and passed away in Alsace, June 23, 1869, from scarlet fever.

### H—Anna Elizabeth Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

Anna E. was born Mar. 27, 1865, and departed June 11, 1869, in Alsace, from scarlet fever.

## SECTION III.

### Katharina Welty, Third Generation.

Katharina was born in Switzerland about 1784. It is believed that she died there in childhood, as no mention of her is made in baptismal records, nor of her death, in the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church record.

## SECTION IV.

### Barbara Welty, Third Generation.

Barbara was born about 1786 in Switzerland. And there being no record of her baptism, nor death in the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, it is quite certain that she, too, died in childhood in Switzerland.

## SECTION V.

### Anna Welty, Third Generation.

Anna, according to the old Sonnenberg Mennonite Church record, must have come to America, probably with her half-brother, "Hans" Welty, for it is recorded that she died on Sonnenberg, Apr. 15, 1856, at the age of 66 years. So she was born in 1790. The record says that half of her time she was feebleminded.

## SECTION VI.

### John "Hans" Welty, Third Generation, 1798-1871, Farmer.

John, or "Hans", as he was locally known, was born in Chaluet, near Court, Switzerland, Dec. 24, 1798. He came to America in 1824, with his half-brother Peter Welty and others. He located in Wayne Co., Ohio, known as Sonnenberg, where he farmed all through his life. Here he joined the Swiss Mennonite Church, which he had joined already in Switzerland as a young man by baptism. He was married to Barbara Luginbühl on Sonnenberg in about 1827. She was born Feb. 18, 1807. She also became a Mennonite by baptism. She departed this life Nov. 4, 1883. He had preceded her Jan. 19, 1871. To them were born on Sonnenberg, Christian, Katharina, Barbara, Maria, Anna, Peter, Magdalena, John J. and Verena.

## CHAPTER I.

### Christian Welty, Fourth Generation, 1829-1910, Farmer.

Christian entered this life Feb. 2, 1829. His education was limited to the pioneer schools. He belonged to the Swiss Mennonite Church, Wayne Co., Ohio, through baptism received Apr. 2, 1847. He had the goodwill and respect of the church and the community he lived in. He was united in marriage with Anna Boegli about 1855. He was summoned beyond this life Nov. 3, 1910, age 81 years, 9 months and 1 day. Her birth was not given, nor her death. The following children were born to them in Wayne Co., Ohio.

A—Joshua, Feb. 24, 1855, Fifth Generation, died Aug. 29, 1861.

B—Dina Welty, Gerber, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Dina entered this life Aug. 20, 1856, and was baptized and received

into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Mar. 29, 1874, by Rev. Christian Sommer. Here she attended country school. She married Daniel M. Gerber of Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 27, 1875. He was born here Mar. 15, 1852, and attended school in the country, and was also initiated into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by baptism by the same Rev. she was. He died Nov. 23, 1919. To this union were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

### I—Amos Gerber, Sixth Generation, Colfax, Wash.

Amos entered the pathway of life July 30, 1876, and was by baptism embodied as a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 12, 1895, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. He was educated in the rural school. He entered married life with Olive Sommer near Colfax, Washington, May 12, 1907. She was born in Oregon Oct. 13, 1882, and baptized and received into the Mennonite Church there. She died July 14, 1919. To them were born near Colfax, Washington:

1—Arvilla, Apr. 19, 1908, died Sept. 14, same year.

2—Clarence, Nov. 28, 1911, Seventh Generation.

3—Juanite, May 28, 1917, Seventh Generation.

### II—Adam Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Adam was born Sept. 18, 1877, and as a young lad was called hence Jan. 5, 1890.

### III—Levina Gerber, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Levina entered the race of life May 10, 1879. She obtained a fair education. She with her husband became a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church through baptism Apr. 3, 1896, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum. She was married to David J. Hofstetter, June 8, 1901. He was born June 27, 1875. They are farmers. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Adam, May 10, 1902, and died the same day.

2—Sylvan, Nov. 25, 1903, baptized Apr. 2, 1920, by Rev. C. Amstutz.

3—Clyde, Oct. 16, 1905, baptized Apr. 1, 1923, by Rev. C. Amstutz.

4—Edna, May 22, 1907, died the same day.

5—Cora, Oct. 24, 1908, baptized Apr. 17, 1925, by Rev. C. Amstutz.

6—Lores, Apr. 15, 1910.

7—Willis, Feb 11, 1912.

8—Clair, Oct. 30, 1913.

9—Hulda, Dec. 10, 1914, and died Jan. 1, 1915.

10—Dinah, Feb. 20, 1916, died the same day.

11—Herman, Jan. 14, 1919.

### IV—Rufus Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Rufus was initiated to this world July 16, 1882. He attended rural school. He was baptized and admitted into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1903, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. He was married to Lizzie E. Zuercher, Nov. 14, 1912. She was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 4, 1892, and baptized into the same church he was, on Apr. 9, 1909, by the same Rev. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

1—Lester R., Aug. 22, 1913, Seventh Generation.

2—Olive R., Oct. 16, 1914, Seventh Generation.

3—Dwight R., May 23, 1918, Seventh Generation.

### V—Philip Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Philip entered life Apr. 27, 1886, and received baptism and membership into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Mar. 29, 1907, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. He has graded school education. He married Pauline Amstutz Dec. 3, 1908. She was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 13, 1887, and baptized into his church by the same Rev. Apr. 3, 1904. They are farmers. Into their home came in Wayne Co., Ohio:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Luella G., Jan. 31, 1910. She was baptized and received into her parents' church by Rev. C. Amstutz Apr. 10, 1925.

2—Elma R., Feb. 21, 1912. 3—Rhoda V., May 10, 1915.

4—Annie E., Nov. 18, 1919.

### VI—Hulda Gerber, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Hulda came into being May 5, 1890, and was admitted into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by baptism Mar. 29, 1907, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. She only attended common school. She married John C. Hofstetter, June 29, 1919, Rev. J. N. officiating. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 27, 1886, and received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 15, 1900. They are farmers. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

1—Chester Oliver, Apr. 2, 1921, Seventh Generation, died Feb. 14, 1922.

2—LaVerne Monroe, Jan. 9, 1923, Seventh Generation.

VII—Annie Gerber, Zuercher, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Annie began her earthly career Oct. 24, 1891, and was admitted into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by baptism Apr. 17, 1908, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. She attended graded school. She married Edwin W. Zuercher Sept., 1919. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 26, 1891, and baptized and received into the same church she was by the same Rev., Apr. 5, 1912. They live on a farm in Wayne Co., Ohio, where were born to them:

1—Dorothy E., Apr. 17, 1920, Seventh Generation.

2—Verna I., Jan. 26, 1923, Seventh Generation.

VIII—Albert Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Albert was born Aug. 25, 1894. He attended graded school. He is unmarried.

IX—Edna Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Edna began her life June 12, 1898. She was baptized and admitted to the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1914, by Rev. J. N. She has a graded school education. She is yet single.

C—Caleb, Feb. 20, 1858, Fifth Generation, died Aug. 29, 1858.

D—Sarah Welty, Schumacher, Fifth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Sarah entered the toils of life near Orrville, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1862. She has ordinary schooling. She was admitted into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by baptism Apr. 11, 1879. She united in marriage with Adam Schumacher May 4, 1882, at her home near Dalton, Ohio. He was born Feb. 2, 1857, near Bluffton, Allen Co., Ohio, where he was baptized on the same date and year she was, by Rev. John Moser, and she by Rev. C. Sommer. To them were born near Bluffton, Ohio, on their farm:

I—Elizabeth Schumacher, Nussbaum, Sixth Generation, Apple Creek, O.

Elizabeth was born June 21, 1883. She only went to graded school. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church near Bluffton, Ohio, Apr. 15, 1900. She married Christian Nussbaum of Apple Creek, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1904. Here they farm. To them were born:

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1—Bernice, Nov. 16, 1904.
2—Gillis H., Feb. 27, 1906.
3—Edna Alice, Aug. 18, 1907.
4—Ada Marie, Sept. 11, 1909.
5—Lores Lee, Feb. 7, 1912.
6—Wilfred Ray, Aug. 18, 1914.
7—Alma Mondell, Apr. 8, 1917.
8—James Eldon, Aug. 11, 1918.
9—Leslie Blake, Mar. 6, 1921.
10—Robert Dean, June 22, 1923.
11—Harley Wendell, July 17, 1925.

II—Rhoda Schumacher, Sixth Generation.

Rhoda was born Mar. 24, 1884, and passed away Sept. 26, 1890.

III—John Schumacher, Sixth Generation, Hubbard, Ore.

John entered life Apr. 22, 1886. He obtained a rural school education. He received baptism and reception into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 30, 1911. He entered marriage with Cora Geiger of Hubbard, Ore., June 4, 1911, where they live and became the parents of:

1—Vera Esther, Feb. 14, 1915, Seventh Generation.

2—Lloyd Elmo, Sept. 19, 1917, Seventh Generation.

3—Wayne Leroy, Mar. 23, 1922, Seventh Generation.

IV—David Schumacher, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

David entered the race of life Feb. 15, 1889. He has a rural schooling. He was admitted to the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by baptism Apr. 4, 1911. He married Edna Sutter of Pandora, Ohio, June 15, 1919. Here they live and were blessed with:

1—Chancy Weston, Oct. 13, 1922, Seventh Generation.

V—Lydia Schumacher, Zimmerly, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Bluffton, O.

Lydia was initiated to this life Feb. 17, 1892. She received a fair education. She became a member of the Mennonite Church by baptism Mar. 25, 1910. She married Llewellyn Zimmerly of Bluffton, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1915, where they live on a farm, and where was born to them:

1—Marjorie Marie, Apr. 23, 1916, Seventh Generation.

VI—Susie Schumacher, Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Dalton.

Susie entered life's path Aug. 26, 1895. She attended graded school. She received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1914. She married Earl Gerber of Dalton, Ohio, June 23, 1918. Here they live on a farm, where were born to them:

1—Orie Dale, Oct. 5, 1919, Seventh Generation, died five days later.

2—Grace Marie, Nov. 17, 1920, Seventh Generation.

3—Paul Ellis, Sept. 17, 1922, Seventh Generation.

4—Frank Eugene, July 18, 1924, Seventh Generation.

VII—Homer Schumacher, Sixth Generation.

Homer came to this world Dec. 24, 1897. He received a rural educa-

tion, and by baptism became a member of the Mennonite Church Apr 10, 1914. He is single.

### VIII—Henry Schumacher, Sixth Generation.

Henry began his earthly career Nov. 12, 1899. He received a graded school education. He was initiated into the Mennonite Church by baptism Aug., 1920. He is yet single.

### IX—Menno Schumacher, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Menno entered time June 11, 1902. He has a graded school education. By baptism he obtained membership in the Mennonite Church Mar. 29, 1918. He was married to Tamar Gerber of Dalton, Ohio, Feb. 7, 1921. Here were born to them:

1—Urie Jesse, June 12, 1921, Seventh Generation.

2—Mildred Florence, Nov. 18, 1922, Seventh Generation.

### D—Verena Welty, Fifth Generation.

Verena was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, near Orrville, Jan. 30, 1864. She remained single. She joined the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by baptism Apr. 15, 1881.

### E—Caroline Welty, Zuercher, Fifth Generation, Farmers.

Caroline was born at Orrville Oct. 3, 1868. She married Jacob D. Zuercher Oct. 27, 1908, Rev. Jacob Nussbaum officiating. He was born at Berne, Ind., Nov. 3, 1879, where he also was baptized Apr. 8, 1898, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. She was initiated into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 3, 1885, by Rev. J. N. They were farmers. They are respected citizens and esteemed church members. To this union was born at Orrville, Ohio:

I—Ivan, Sept. 1, 1909, Sixth Generation. No other information.

## CHAPTER II.

### Katharina Welty, Steiner.

Kath. was born in 1830. No other word received from this chapter.

## CHAPTER III.

### Barbara Welty, Bichsel, Fourth Generation, 1832-1912.

Barbara, daughter of "Hans" Welty, and Barbara Luginbill, his wife.

was born on Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., O., Apr. 14. 1832. She was baptized Apr. 21, 1848, and received into the Mennonite Church. She was married to Jacob Bichsel May 1, 1856. He was born in June, 1833. They were farmers, living near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio, where his parents resided. She passed beyond in 1912. At this place were born to them:

A—Mary Bichsel, Schutz, Fifth Generation, Farmers, Pandora, Ohio.

Mary entered the path of life June 22, 1860. She obtained a rural school education. She received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1879. She entered wedded life with John A. Schutz (in German Schütz), May 24, 1887. He was born in Switzerland. As a young man he came to America. He is a farmer and a road supervisor of Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio. To this union were born:

I—Martha Schutz, born in 1888, and died the same day.

II—Levina Schutz, Geiger, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Levina entered life's pathway Aug. 2, 1889. She has a common school education. She was married to Walter Geiger Feb. 16, 1913, who was born at Pandora, Ohio, Dec. 11, 1888. They were both baptized Aug. 26, 1906, and received into the Grace Mennonite Church of this place. They are the parents of:

1—Evelyn Marie, Sept. 4, 1916, Seventh Generation.

2—Julian, Nov. 13, 1919, Seventh Generation.

III—Hiram R. Schutz, Sixth Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Hiram came to this world Oct. 23, 1891. He has a rural school education. He was baptized and received into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 11, 1909. He married Lucile Weida, of Caledonia, Minn., Oct. 23, 1917. She entered this life Mar. 28, 1890. She was baptized in infancy in the Episcopalian Church in Caledonia, Minn.; but after marriage, united with his church June 6, 1918. To their family circle was added:

1—Lawrence Owen, Dec. 27, 1919, Seventh Generation, died Jan. 24, 1920.

2—David Winton, Jan. 8, 1921, Seventh Generation.

3—Paul Stanly, Aug. 9, 1922, Seventh Generation.

4—Milton Weida, Nov. 8, 1924, Seventh Generation.

IV—Dr. Elmer Scenas Schutz, Sixth Generation, Mt. Lake, Minn.



Dr. Elmer S. Schutz

Dr. Elmer S. entered the arena of life Feb. 16, 1897, in Riley Tp., Putnam Co., Ohio, near Pandora. He graduated from his native Tp. high school May, 1914. By the rite of baptism he received membership into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Mar. 23, 1923. In June, 1918, he received his A. B. degree from the Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio. In 1918 and 1919 he taught in the high school of Spencerville, Ohio. Then for a while he was life insurance salesman, as a means to obtain money for a medical course. He entered Rush Medical College in Chicago, Ill., where he graduated in 1924. After this he was an intern at the Wesley Memorial Hospital in this city, but now is a practitioner in Mountain Lake, Minn. In Chicago, Ill., was born to them:

1—Alice J., Jan. 13, 1921, Seventh Generation.

V—Hulda E. Schutz, Sixth Generation, Nurse, Mountain Lake, Minn.



HULDA E. SCHUTZ

Hulda E. entered the walk of life June 4, 1899. After finishing public and high schools she entered upon a course for nurses at Detroit, Mich., Grace Hospital Training School, graduating in 1923, as a R. N. She is now nursing in Mountain Lake, Minn., where her brother Elmer is a practicing physician. She was baptized and received into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 4, 1915. Thus she is ministering to the relief of human sufferers.

VI—Matilda Schutz was born Jan. 8, 1901, and translated to heaven Feb. 8, same year.

B—Sarah Bichsel, Schutz, Fifth Generation, Farmers, Pandora, Ohio.

Sarah began her race of life in Putnam Co., Ohio, Sept. 29, 1862. She received a common district school education. Housekeeping has been her vocation. She received the ordinance of baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1880. She entered married life

with Albert Schutz Nov. 12, 1889. He was born in Switzerland. As a young man he came to America. He also belongs to the Mennonite Church, where she does. He was baptized June 9, 1918, and has served as a S. S. teacher. They are farmers. To them were born at Pandora, Ohio:

### I—Rev. and Prof. Jacob Raymond Schutz, Sixth Generation, North Manchester, Indiana.



Prof. J. Raymond Schutz

Jacob R. began his eventful life Aug. 3, 1890, near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio. Here he grew to manhood and passed through the district school, then graduated from the Pandora high school in 1910, then he attended Otterbein University of the U. B. Church, at Westerville, Ohio, for four years; then the University of Chicago, Ill., for one year, then the University of California at Berkeley, one year; then Yale University, New Haven, Conn., where he obtained his degrees of A. B.; A. M.; B. D. He was principal of the Pandora, Ohio, high school for four years. He became Prof. and minister of the North Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind., in 1919. This is a Prog. Brethren Church institution. Here he has given excellent satisfaction as an instructor and college pastor, since his initiation as such. He is a Lieut. Governor of the Indiana Kiwanis Club Area, and does much speaking before Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, and other civic organizations. During 1924 he delivered 31 commencement addresses, believed to be the record number in Indiana. He also speaks often before Church Brotherhoods and similar church gatherings. He is a member of the Pi Kappa Delta Honorary Public Speaking Fraternity of America, and also of the Pi Gamma Mu Honorary Social Science Scholarship fraternity.

He was baptized in 1909 and received into the Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora, Ohio, in 1910. In this church he served three years as S. S. Supt., as teacher six years, as president of the Y. P. Society one year, and as church clerk two years. This evidences the confidence the church reposed in him as a leader. While in Chicago he served as director of the Religious Education for one year at the Hyde Park Baptist Church. He was licensed to preach the Gospel and ordained as minister in 1920 by the Church of the Progressive Brethren.

He has traveled for pleasure and education in 43 states in the Union, and in seven countries in Europe, namely: France, Switzerland, Italy,

Germany, Holland, Belgium and England. He studied in Oxford University in England, and University of Geneva in Switzerland.

He chose for his bosom companion Salena Schumacher of Pandora, Ohio, whom he married June 14, 1916. She was born at Beaverdam, O., Dec. 28, 1893. She is a graduate of the Pandora high school, and was a student for three years in Bluffton College, Ohio. Here she graduated in the Music School. She was baptized and admitted to the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, in 1912. They are the parents of four children, first two born at Pandora, Ohio, and last two at North Manchester, Ind.:

Seventh Generation

1—J. Raymond, Jr., May 29, 1917. 3—Richard Arth., July 14, 1920.
2—Donald Wayne, Sept. 8, 1918. 4—Harold Eugene, Sept. 28, 1925.

### II—Elizabeth Schutz, Sixth Generation.

Elizabeth entered this life near Pandora, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1891. She has a rural school education. She received Christian baptism and reception into the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 11, 1909, where she is gracing her Christian life with devotion to the church.

### III—Walter Schutz, Sixth Generation, Missionary to Africa.



REV. WALTER SCHUTZ

Walter was born at Pandora, Ohio, Aug. 9, 1893. Besides district school he attended two years the Pandora high school. Then he finished the Martin Boehm Academy of Otterbein University in 1915, and the University Course here in 1921, with a B. A. degree. Here he, too, trained for missionary work in Africa. He is a member of the U. B. Church, was, however, baptized in the Grace Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 16, 1911, where he then became a member. His station in Africa is Rotifunk, Sierra Leone, West Africa. After being there two years he came home on a furlough in 1925, and attended Bonebrake Seminary of the U. B. Church in Dayton, Ohio, but again returned in 1926. He married Edna Hooper, July 3, 1922. She was born Oct. 23, 1898, and received her education at Bradford, Pa., where she graduated from high school in 1917, and at Otterbein University in 1921 with a B. S. degree. To them was born at the P. Christian Mission Hospital, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, W. Africa:

1—Walter Stanley, June 25, 1924.

### IV—Bertha Schutz, Sixth Generation.

Bertha was born June 21, 1896. Educated in district school. Baptized and admitted into the Grace Mennonite Church May 26, 1912, living a devout Christian life.

### V—Edward Schutz, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

Edward began his race of life May 26, 1898. Besides a district school education, he attended the Pandora high school, from which he graduated May 19, 1916. Then he went one year to Bluffton College, Ohio, and then one year to the Ohio State University. Thus he laid a good foundation for life's work. He is now farming close to Pandora, Ohio. He was united in marriage with Estella Hilty, Nov. 25, 1920. She was born July 30, 1898. She received baptism and admission into the Grace Mennonite Church, at Pandora, Ohio, Apr. 4, 1918, and he on Apr. 10, 1914. Their home was blessed with:

1—Anna Christine, Sept. 26, 1921, Seventh Generation. Died young.

2—Oliver Wendall, Sept. 25, 1922, Seventh Generation.

### VI—John Paul Schutz, Sixth Generation.

John P. came on the arena of life near Pandora, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1900. After district school he attended the Pandora high school, where he graduated May 16, 1918. Then he attended Otterbein University, of the U. B. Church, at Westerville, Ohio, where he graduated in 1922, with an A. B. degree. He is now, for the third year, attending Divinity School at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., preparing thoroughly for religious work. He was united in marriage with Virginia Wolfe, Aug. 20, 1924, at Elkins, West Virginia. She graduated from the Elkins high school in 1919, and from the Otterbein University in the Public School Music Department in 1923. He was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church at Pandora, Ohio, April, 1912.

## CHAPTER IV.

### Maria Welty, Moser, Fourth Generation, 1834—

Maria, daughter of "Hans" Welty, was born Feb. 7, 1834, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She was baptized and received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 9, 1852. She became the wife of A. P. Moser Sept. 27, 1856. He was born July 23, 1835, and was baptized Apr. 14, 1854, and admitted to her church. They were farmers near Dalton, Ohio, where their children were born, namely:

A—Barbara Moser, Gerber, Fifth Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.

Barbara was born Aug. 15, 1858. She had rural schooling. By baptism, Apr. 30, 1874, she was admitted into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. She began her matrimonial voyage with A. L. Gerber, Oct. 9, 1879. He was born June 12, 1849. They are farmers. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

I—Verena Gerber, Sixth Generation, Oct. 15, 1880, died Mar. 16, 1897.

II—Simon Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmer.

Simon was born Aug. 18, 1882. He has a rural school education. He was united in marriage with Fanny Amstutz, Nov. 15, 1906. She was born July 24, 1887. They evidently both belong to the Mennonite Church. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

1—Victor Benj., Nov. 13, 1907, Seventh Generation.

2—Corene Ida, Jan. 12, 1913, Seventh Generation.

3—Murrie Joy, Dec. 6, 1917, Seventh Generation.

III—Alice Gerber, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Alice was initiated to this life Aug. 24, 1884. She received a graded school education. Presumably she is a member of her parents' church. She is single yet.

IV—Martha Gerber, Zuercher, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.

Martha entered this life Oct. 5, 1886. She has a common school training. She married Joel Zuercher, May 28, 1908. He was born Jan. 24, 1883. They are farmers. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

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1—George Lester, Jan. 1, 1909.
2—Effie Marie, Oct. 20, 1910.
3—Lloyd Ellis, Mar. 11, 1912.
4—Sylvia Mae, Nov. 9, 1913.
5—Anna Catharyne, Oct. 4, 1914.
6—Barbara Idelle, Oct. 25, 1915.
7—Abr., Dec. 30, 1916, died day old.
8—Irene Faith, July 6, 1918.
9—Helen Alice, Aug. 23, 1919.
10—Odula June, June 14, 1922.
11—Martha Jane, Jan. 14, 1925.

V—Martin Gerber, born Oct. 11, 1888, and died four days old.

VI—Menno Gerber, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer

Menno was born Sept. 26, 1889. He has a common school training. He was married to Anna Moser June 5, 1913. She was born May 8, 1891. Doubtless they belong to the Mennonite Church. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

Seventh Generation

1—Goldie Barbara, Mar. 25, 1914.
2—Mabel Verena, Apr. 20, 1915.
3—Pauline Mae, Aug. 2, 1917.
4—Clarence Roy, Jan. 5, 1919.
5—Iona Arnette, Jan. 9, 1924.

VII—Adam Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Adam entered life's activities May 7, 1892. He only has a common school education. He is single and likely is a farmer, and a member of the Mennonite Church.

VIII—Andrew Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Andrew was born Sept. 21, 1895. He had good school advantages. He likely also farms and is presumably a member of the Mennonite Church.

IX—Ida Gerber, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Ida was born Jan. 12, 1898. She has a graded school education. She was married to Adam Hofstetter Jan. 18, 1919. He was born Jan. 1, 1888. They likely both belong to the Mennonite Church. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

1—Berdine June, June 23, 1920, Seventh Generation.
2—Leroy Junior, June 4, 1923, Seventh Generation.

B—Anna Moser, Schneck, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Anna began her earthly life Nov. 27, 1861. She attended common school only. She received baptism and reception into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 11, 1879. She was united in marriage with D. A. Schneck Dec. 2, 1885. He was born Apr. 19, 1858. They live on a farm near Dalton, Ohio. Their union was blessed with one child:

I—Phoebe Schneck, Sixth Generation.

Phoebe was born June 17, 1896, and passed beyond two days later.

II—Martha M. Schneck, Sixth Generation.

Martha was adopted from an Orphan Home at West Liberty, Ohio, Feb. 21, 1913, when 5 months old. She accidentally was burned to death May 6, 1924, at the age of 11 years, 7 months and 25 days.

C—John A. Moser, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

John A. entered life Jan. 2, 1864. He only received a graded school training. By baptism, reception into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church

was accorded him, Mar. 23, 1883, by Rev. C. Sommer. He was married to Emma Hofstetter Nov. 23, 1889. She was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Aug. 7, 1867. They are farmers. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

I—Olive Moser, Schwartz, Sixth Generation.

Olive entered life Dec. 3, 1890. She has a common school education. She married Daniel Schwartz Jan. 8, 1916. They presumably belong to the Mennonite Church. To their home came:

1—Donald F., Jan. 12, 1919, Seventh Generation.

II—Martha Moser, Schwartz, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Martha came into being Jan. 14, 1892. She attended rural school. She married Harry Schwartz June 25, 1921. They are members of the Presbyterian Church in Dalton, Ohio. Born to them is:

1—Hazel Jane, July 22, 1922, Seventh Generation.

III—Effie Moser, born Apr. 17, 1894, and departed this life Oct. 24, 1898.

IV—Edna Moser, Douglas, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Edna began the voyage of life Aug. 7, 1901. She has a good education. She married Lee H. Douglas, June 23, 1923. She taught school for several terms. He also has a good education and is now a high school teacher in Dalton, Ohio, where they belong to the United Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of:

1—Virginia Mae, Dec. 11, 1925, Seventh Generation.

V—Alvin Moser, Sixth Generation.

Alvin came into being Sept. 17, 1898. He had good school privileges. No further word.

VI—Leroy Moser, Sixth Generation.

Leroy was born July 20, 1909. He had good school advantages. No other word.

D—Fanny M. Moser (Hofstetter), Amstutz, Fifth Generation, 1866-1925.

Fanny M. entered the path of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 30, 1866, where she attended Sugar Creek Tp. school. On the day of her baptism, Apr. 3, 1885, she became a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church She entered matrimony with Joel Hofstetter. Date not given. He departed this life Apr. 7, 1895. On Feb. 19, 1920, she again married, this time to Benjamin Amstutz. They had no children. She passed away in November, 1925.

E—William Moser, Fifth Generation, Laborer.

William came into this world Sept. 23, 1867, in Sugar Creek Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio. He only attended district school. He probably was baptized and admitted to the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church when a young man. He chose the single track of life.

F—Jacob A. Moser, Fifth Generation, Realtor, Orrville, Ohio.

Jacob A. entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 4, 1872. He obtained a graded school education. He was united in marriage with Anna Hofstetter of Wayne Co., Ohio, Aug. 10, 1893. She was born Oct. 20, 1872. The entire family belong to the M. E. Church in Orrville, Ohio. He is in the real estate business. To them are born:

I—Ellen Mae Moser, Geiger, Sixth Generation, Orrville, Ohio.

Ellen Mae entered this life in Orrville, Ohio, July 2, 1894. She obtained a graded school education. She married Wilbur S. Geiger June 24, 1914, Rev. R. Burris officiating. He is a Ford salesman. To them were born:

1—Lois Kathryn, Apr. 22, 1916, Seventh Generation.

2—Vinson Morris, Dec. 3, 1917, Seventh Generation.

3—Obert Franklin, Jan. 29, 1919, Seventh Generation.

II—Victor Hugo Moser, Sixth Generation, Teacher.



Victor Hugo Moser, Teacher

Victor H. began his race of life, Dec. 13, 1897. He had good school privileges. He was united in marriage with Winifred Bryenton July 17, 1920, by Rev. W. H. Bryenton, at Medina, Ohio. Both are members of the M. E. Church. He is teaching the commercial department in the Medina, Ohio, high school. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Vivian Mae, Apr. 20, 1922.

2—Raymond Lee, Oct. 23, 1924.

G—Daniel A. Moser, Fifth Generation.

Daniel A. was born Mar. 21, 1874, and married Elma E. Tschantz May 24, 1896. For further history of this family see Book III, Section II, Chapter II, under C. C. Tschantz family, second child.

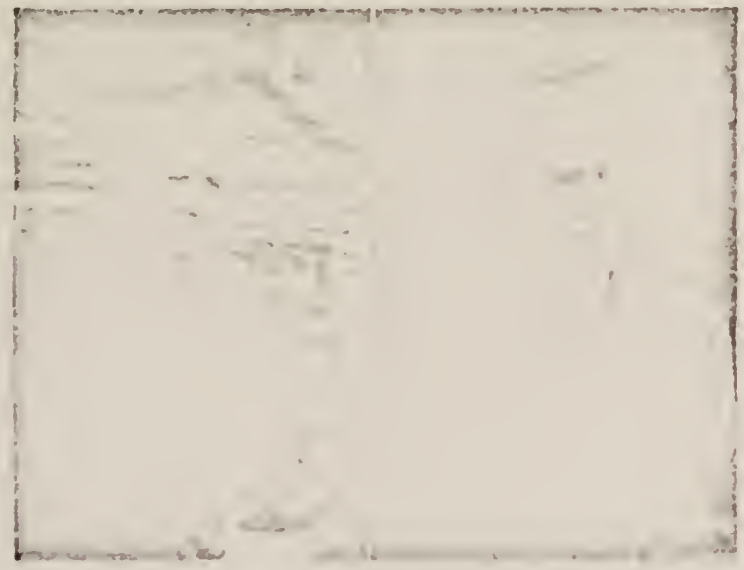
H—Simon A. Moser, Fifth Generation.

Simon A. was born ———— and died three days later.



## CHAPTER V.

### Anna Welty, Zuercher, Fourth Generation.



MR. AND MRS. PETER ZUERCHER

Anna Welty, Zuercher, was born Oct. 13, 1836. She was baptized Apr. 14, 1854, and united with the Mennonite Church on Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio. She was married to Peter Zuercher in 1860. He was baptized Apr. 6, 1855. To their family were added:

### A—Elizabeth Zuercher, Sommer, Fifth Generation, 1861-1921.



Elizabeth Zuercher Sommer, Barbara Zuercher Bixler
See history on page 315 for Barbara.

Elizabeth came into this life near Dalton, Ohio, Aug. 16, 1861. She only had common school training. As a young woman she was baptized and received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. She married Isaac C. Sommer, Sept. 22, 1880, near Dalton, Ohio, where he was born Aug. 23, 1853. Both have departed to their reward, she Aug. 1, 1921, and he Apr. 14, 1905. To them were born:

#### I—Simon W. Sommer, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Dryden, Mich.

Simon W. commenced his life Feb. 22, 1882. He attended high school and Goshen College, Goshen, Ind. As a young man he received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church. He married Sarah Lehman Oct. 19, 1905. She was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 6, 1882. And as a young woman received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church. They are farmers. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Bertha Elizabeth, July 30, 1907.
2—Mahlon Isaac, Dec. 26, 1908.
3—Matilda Irene, May 28, 1911.
4—Carrie Elizabeth, July 20, 1913.
5—David Adam, Sept. 25, 1915.
6—Ruth Esther, Nov. 11, 1917.
7—Alma, June 2, 1920.
8—Ida Ellen, Jan. 21, 1922.
9—Paul Joseph, Oct. 28, 1923.
10—Laura Mae, Apr. 12, 1925.

### II—Fanny Matilda Sommer, Badertscher, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Fanny M. was initiated to this life, Mar. 22, 1883. She has a common school education. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church. She entered married life with John Badertscher Mar. 16, 1912. He was born Mar. 29, 1867. He is farming. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Hulda Arlene, Apr. 29, 1913.
2—Milo Samuel, July 25, 1914.*
3—Ida Sarah, Jan. 24, 1916.
4—John Fred, Sept. 4, 1917, died Mar. 1, 1918.
5—Martha Susan, Feb. 12, 1919.
6—Mary Jane, Apr. 18, 1920.
7—Thomas Lee, Nov. 1, 1924.

* Died Dec. 24, 1914.

### III—Adam W. Sommer, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Adam W. was born July 11, 1885, near Dalton, Ohio. For further history see Book II, Section II, Chapter II, Letter A, Martha Amstutz.

### IV—Martha Anna Sommer, Sixth Generation.

Martha A. was born Sept. 20, 1888, and departed May 11, 1889.

### V—Eva Barbara Sommer, Zuercher, Sixth Generation, Orrviile, Ohio.

Eva B. came into being Sept. 7, 1890, near Dalton, Ohio. She has a graded school education. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church. She married Nelson Zuercher, Oct. 3, 1912. He was born July 12, 1887, at Orrville, Ohio. He is a painter. They are the parents of:

1—Homer Isaac, July 11, 1913, Seventh Generation.

### VI—Hiram Wesley Sommer, Sixth Generation.

Hiram W. appeared in life Mar. 22, 1892. He is seeking a good education. He has attended high school, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; and Hiram College. He has been baptized and received into the Mennonite Church.

### VII—Ida Pearl Sommer, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Dalton, O.

Ida P. made her debut in this life near Dalton, Ohio, June 19, 1898. She has a good education. She was baptized and admitted into the Men-

nonite Church. On June 1, 1919, she was married to Simon Lehman. He is a farmer. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 25, 1898. He, too, belongs to her church. To them were born:

1—Marvin George, May 7, 1920, Seventh Generation.

2—Marion Rolland, Nov. 11, 1921, Seventh Generation.

3—Florence Elizabeth, Sept. 11, 1924, Seventh Generation.

### B—Barbara M. Zuercher, Bixler, Fifth Generation, 1863-1922.

Barbara M. was born in 1863, in Wayne Co., Ohio, where she went to district school. She received baptism and reception into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church as a young woman. She married Jacob Bixler, Dec. 23, 1886. He was born in Wayne Co., Aug. 17, 1862, and baptized and received into her church. They farmed. She died Mar. 12, 1922. To them were born:

### I—Clyde Bixler, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Clyde R. was born at Dalton, Ohio, May 9, 1895, where he received a good education. In 1919 he was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church. He married Emma M. Geiger Dec. 9, 1923, at Rev. A. W. Sommer's home.

### II—Effie Bixler, Eby, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Effie was born at Dalton, Ohio, Oct. 25, 1898. She has a good education. She was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church, Apr. 21, 1916. She married Warren H. Eby July 27, 1919. He is a farmer. She has served as S. S. teacher and secretary, president of the Jr. Sewing Society, is pianist now at the Gospel Tabernacle at Kidron. She has made a trip to Niagara Falls and Beulah Beach. To them were born:

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1—Mildred Fern, Dec. 18, 1921. 2—Marion Chas., Mar. 21, 1923.

## CHAPTER VI.

### Peter Welty, Fourth Generation, 1839-1918.

Peter was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 17, 1839. He was married to Anna Gerber Sept. 28, 1861. She was born May 19, 1839, and passed to her celestial reward Dec. 12, 1918, and he July 16, the same year. They both were initiated by baptism into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, he on Mar. 21, 1856, and she Apr. 6, 1855. They lived a commendable Christian life. They were farmers. To them were born in Wayne, Co., O.:

A—Benjamin P. Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer.

Benjamin P. was born July 2, 1862. He obtained an ordinary schooling, and was baptized and received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 7, 1882, by Rev. C. Sommer. He was married to Maryann Baumgartner, Dec. 10, 1885. For further history of herself and family, see Book III, Sec. II, Chapter I, Letter D, under Mary Baumgartner.

B—Barbara Welty, Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1863-1887.

Barbara was born Dec. 9, 1863, and was married to C. D. Baumgartner Dec. 10, 1885, and went to her heavenly reward Apr. 10, 1887. For further history of herself and family, see Book III, Sec. II, Chapter I, Letter D, or C. D. Baumgartner.

C—John Welty, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

John entered this life Mar. 10, 1867. He has a district schooling. He was married to Anna Bixler, Dec. 31, 1893. She was born Dec. 9, 1863. By baptism they became members of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, living esteemed lives. They have no children.

D—William Welty, Fifth Generation, was born Feb. 15, 1870, and died Sept. 15, 1888.

E—Rosa Welty, Bixler, Fifth Generation, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Rosa entered her path of life Nov. 28, 1872. She obtained the ordinary schooling. She was married to Daniel D. Bixler Jan. 5, 1901. They both were baptized and admitted to membership in the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church as adults. To them were born in Wadsworth, Ohio:

I—Orlo, Apr. 25, 1902, Sixth Generation.

II—Aldis, Nov. 23, 1903, Sixth Generation, died Apr. 17, 1904.

III—Dora, Feb. 14, 1906, Sixth Generation.

IV—Wilson, Dec. 2, 1907, Sixth Generation, died Feb. 15, 1918.

V—Milo, Aug. 14, 1911, Sixth Generation.

F—Daniel M. Welty, Fifth Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio, Farmer.

Daniel was born Aug. 16, 1875. He obtained a rural school education. He was united in marriage with Mary Zaugg of Wayne Co., Ohio, Jan. 2, 1902. She was born Apr. 5, 1881, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. Both joined the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by baptism, he in 1898, and she in 1895. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

I—Arvine D., Oct. 7, 1902, Sixth Generation, baptized in 1918.

II—Elta A., Feb. 19, 1905, Sixth Generation, baptized in 1922.

III—Ruth M., Jan. 23, 1907, Sixth Generation, baptized in 1922.
IV—Esther J., Mar. 14, 1909, Sixth Generation, baptized in 1922.
V—Sylvia M., Dec. 17, 1915, Sixth Generation.

G—Sarah Welty, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Sarah was initiated to this life Dec. 18, 1878. She had ordinary schooling. She is a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. She keeps house for her brother, Reuben.

H—Reuben Welty, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.

Reuben entered the trials of life Dec. 8, 1880. He has ordinary schooling. He is a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. He walks the single track of life.

## CHAPTER VII.

Magdalena Welty, Gerber, Fourth Generation, 1841-96.

Magdalena entered this life July 17, 1841. She only had medium school privileges. She and her husband were baptized Apr. 22, 1859, and received into the Swiss Mennonite Church. She was married to Isaac Gerber Mar. 25, 1862. He was born Feb. 2, 1841. He passed away Feb. 22, 1873, and she Nov. 22, 1896. They were loyal to their faith to the end. To this union were born:

A—Anna M. Gerber, Hofstetter, Fifth Generation, 1863-88.

Anna M. commenced her earthly life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 25, 1863. She attended the Boon's school No. 9. Housework was her employment. She was baptized in the Sonnenberg Church in 1880. She united in marriage with Joel Hofstetter, Jan., 1885, in the Sonnenberg Church. To them was born:

I—Andrew F. Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Andrew F. was born Mar., 1887. He received the ordinary common school education. Nothing more reported of him.

B—Barbara M. Gerber, Tschantz, Fifth Generation, 1865, Canton, Ohio.

Barbara M. began her pilgrimage Jan. 1, 1865, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She attended the Boon's No. 9 school. She was baptized and received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church when 17 years old. She has made no extensive travels. She entered matrimony with Wm. H. Tschantz Feb. 25,

1890, at the Sonnenberg Church. He was born Nov. 29, 1863. He went to district school No. 7, Baughman Tp., Wayne Co. He was for 15 years manager of the Cyclone Drilling Machine Co., at Orrville, Ohio. Now he is Gen. Mgr. of the W. H. Tschantz & Sons Co., designers and manufacturers of electrical machinery and equipments. He was baptized when 19 years old when he also joined the S. Mennonite Church. To them were born near Orrville, Ohio:

**I—Anna Dora Tschantz, Sixth Generation.**

Anna D. was born Dec. 11, 1890, and died Oct. 13, 1895.

**II—Josephine Ella Tschantz, Wirth, Sixth Generation, Farmers.**

Josephine E. entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, June 23, 1892. She obtained a good education. No church membership given. She was married to Harvey Wirth. They are farming. To them are born, but dates of birth were not given:

Seventh Generation. 1—Arlene. 2—Melvine.

**III—Ira Millard Tschantz, Sixth Generation, Mfr., Canton, Ohio.**

Ira M. came to the world Sept. 6, 1894. He enjoyed good schooling. He was married to Nellie Horton. They live in Orrville, Ohio, where he is in partnership with W. H. Tschantz & Sons. No church relation given. They have two children, birthdays not given:

Seventh Generation. 1—Warren. 2—Wandene.

**IV—Martin Luther Tschantz, Sixth Generation, Mfr., Canton, Ohio.**

Martin L. came to be Nov. 30, 1895. He has a good education. He entered married life with Mildred Doney. He works with the W. H. Tschantz & Sons Co. To them is born:

1—Martin Luther, Jr., Seventh Generation.

**V—Esther Elizabeth Tschantz, Sprunger, Sixth Generation.**

Esther E. was born June 14, 1898. She had good school privileges. She gave her hand in marriage to Ira Sprunger. No church relation given. He is with the W. H. Tschantz & Sons Born to them:

1—Frances Laverne, Seventh Generation.

**VI—Lillian Mae Tschantz, Horton, Sixth Generation.**

Lillian M. entered the arena of life, Aug. 20, 1901. She had good school privileges. She was married to Wm. Horton. He, too, works with the W. H. Tschantz & Sons. To their home came:

1—Norma Jean, Seventh Generation

VII—Raymond David Tschantz, Sixth Generation.

Raymond D. began the struggles of life May 7, 1905. He had fine school opportunities. He is yet single, and works with his father.

C—William I. Gerber, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.

William I., born Apr. 29, 1867. He got his education in Boon's school, No. 9. He has been farming for 42 years on the old homestead. He was baptized and admitted to the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church when 19 years old. He entered married life with Sarah Bixler Dec. 15, 1891, at the Sonnenberg Church. She attended school at No. 6. She was born Jan. 21, 1868, and baptized and received into his church in 1885. They made two trips for pleasure, one to Oregon and California, in 1921, and one to Alabama in 1922. Their children were all born near Dalton, Ohio:

I—Esther Florence Gerber, Saurer, Sixth Generation, Kidron, Ohio.

Esther F. was welcomed Jan. 1, 1893. She had good schooling. She was married to Floyd R. Saurer, Dec. 30, 1915. He is a blacksmith. They are blessed with:

1—Floris Marie, Seventh Generation.

2—Russel Floyd, Seventh Generation.

II—Clyde Wilson Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Mt. Eaton, Ohio.

Clyde W. came on life's pathway July 27, 1894. He had good school privileges. He married Erma Saurer June 20, 1920. They live on a farm near Mt. Eaton, Ohio.

III—Melvin Milton Gerber, Sixth Generation, Engineer, Massillon, Ohio.

Melvin M. entered life Aug. 8, 1896. He has a good education. He is engineering for the Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R. with headquarters at Massillon, Ohio.

IV—Millard Bryan Gerber, Sixth Generation, Laborer, Massillon, Ohio.

Millard B. entered this life May 22, 1898. He, too, enjoyed good school advantages. He is in the employ of the Central Steel Rolling Mill at Massillon, Ohio.

V—Dennis Calvin Gerber, Sixth Generation, Massillon, Ohio.

Dennis C. arrived on the shores of time Mar. 1, 1900, and enjoyed good schooling. He is in the employ of the Brewster Stock Co.

VI—Grace Marie Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Grace M. came to this world Nov. 20, 1901, and works at home.



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VII—Lina Anna Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Lina A. made her debut in life May 3, 1904. She is yet at home.

VIII—Glenn Ray Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Glenn R. began his walk in life Mar. 21, 1906. He works on the farm.

IX—Lyman Critchfield Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Lyman C. entered the trials of life Mar. 18, 1908. He is at home.

## CHAPTER VIII.

John Welty was born Jan. 7, 1844, and departed eight days later.

## CHAPTER IX.



Mrs. Jacob J. Moser, Mrs. Bertha B. Sommer, Elvera Sommer—First, Third and Fourth Generations, respectively.

### Verena (Fanny) Welty, Moser, Fourth Generation, 1844-1925.

Verena entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 28, 1844, near Mt. Eaton, Ohio. She obtained only a common school education.. She was initiated into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by baptism Apr. 6, 1860. She united in marriage with Jacob J. Moser Mar. 3, 1866. She died Nov. 9, 1925. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 18, 1840. They were farmers throughout their lives. He died Jan. 21, 1922. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

A—Rosa Moser, Gerber, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Rosa began her earthly life Oct. 10, 1869. She attended district schools. Through baptism she became a member of the Mennonite Church. She entered married life with Levi P. Gerber Jan. 17, 1889. He was born May 23, 1863, at Dalton, Ohio. He also, by baptism, became a member of the Mennonite Church. To them were born near Dalton, Ohio:

I—Bertha Gerber, Sommer, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Bertha was born Feb. 8, 1890. She attended graded school. As a young woman she was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church. She married Alvin B. Sommer, Jan. 27, 1917. He was born Jan. 2, 1888. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

1—Elvera June, June 1, 1919, Seventh Generation.

2—Pearl Lavonne, Dec. 8, 1924, Seventh Generation.

II—Celesta Gerber, Sprunger, Sixth Generation, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Bertha was born Feb. 8, 1890. She attended graded school. As a young woman she was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church. She entered matrimony with Tobias Sprunger June 27, 1915. He was born Feb. 21, 1887, at Berne, Ind. They are living at Fort Wayne, where he is doing carpenter work. To their home came:

1—Orel August, Aug. 1, 1917, Seventh Generation.

III—Elma Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Elma entered this life Sept. 25, 1895. She has a graded school education. She received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church as a young woman. She is yet single.

IV—Martin Gerber, Sixth Generation, was born and died Mar. 4, 1897.

V—Noah Gerber, Sixth Generation, was born Oct. 9, 1898, and died next day.

VI—Ivan G. Gerber, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Ivan G. entered the activities of life Sept. 22, 1899. He has a common school education. He likely was baptized as a young man and joined the Mennonite Church. He married Anna Lehman Sept. 16, 1922. She was born Nov. 17, 1898. He farms. To their domicile came:

1—Margaret June, June 10, 1924, Seventh Generation.

2—Clinton James, Oct. 17, 1925, Seventh Generation.

VII—Estella R. Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Estella R. entered the arena of life Apr. 21, 1904. She attended the graded school. She has likely been baptized and received into the Mennonite Church. She is yet single.



The Old Homestead of Jacob J. Moser.

B—Anna Moser, Sommer, Fifth Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.

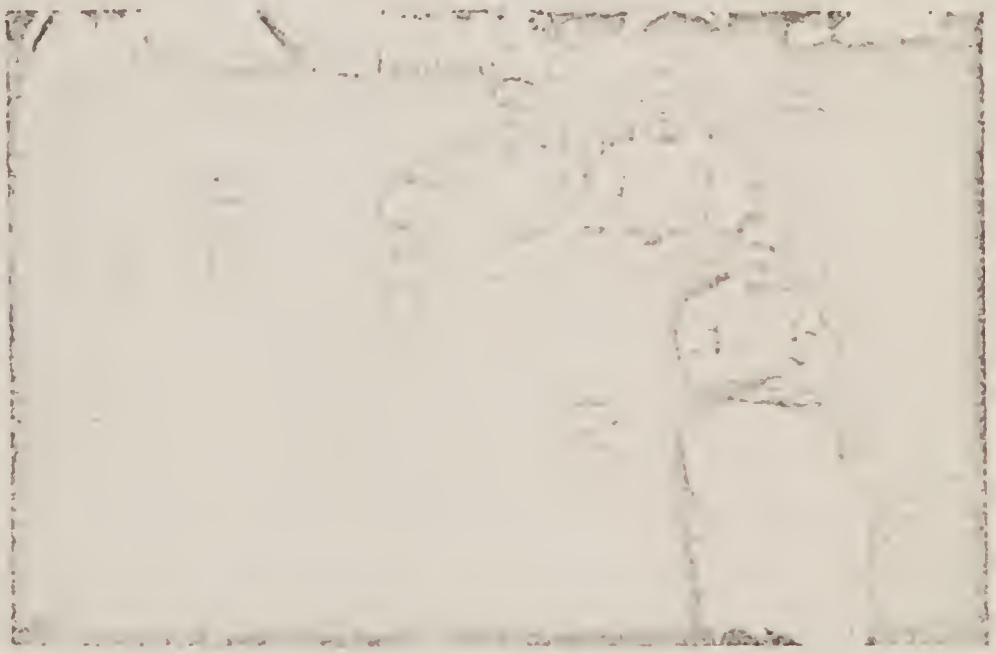
Anna was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, May 10, 1872. She attended

Sugar Creek Tp. Dist. school. She was married to Jacob P. Sommer at the Sonnenberg Church Mar. 5, 1896. He was born Sept. 18, 1869, in Sugar Creek Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio. He is a son of Peter Sommer. She was baptized and received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 4, 1890, and he Apr. 19, 1889. They have always lived on the farm near Dalton, Ohio, where their children were born, namely:

**Sixth Generation**

I—Celesta, Dec. 13, 1896.
II—Oliver, Apr. 20, 1899.
III—Ellen, Sept. 16, 1900.
IV—Alma, Aug. 22, 1902.
V—Lloyd, June 6, 1905.
VI—Rose M., May 30, 1907.
VII—Irene A., Oct. 28, 1908.
VIII—Sylvia B., July 31, 1910.
IX—Esther M., Feb. 12, 1912.

Ellen was married to Allen Bixler June 28, 1925. He was born Feb. 19, 1898.



Front Row—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Moser in middle; Martin D. Moser, left; Mrs. Sarah P. Lehman, right.
Back Row, left to right—David J. Moser, Mrs. Anna P. Sommer, Mrs. Dinah P. Sommer.

C—Dinah Moser, Sommer, Fifth Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.

Dinah entered life's career near Dalton, Ohio, Mar. 13, 1875. She was educated in district school. She was married to Daniel P. Sommer Mar. 3, 1898, in Wayne Co., Ohio. He was born near Dalton, Ohio. Date not given. They were received into the Mennonite Church by baptism, she on Apr. 15, 1892, and he, Mar. 25, 1894. They have always been farmers. To them were born near Dalton, Ohio:

I—Clyde W. Sommer, Sixth Generation, Feb. 18, 1899. No other word.

II—Ruth C. Sommer, Lehman, Sixth Generation.

Ruth C. came into being near Apple Creek, Ohio, July 7, 1901. She was married June 4, 1922, to Waldo Lehman. He was born Dec. 20, 1893, near Mt. Eaton, Ohio. To them were born:

I—Orel, Mar. 12, 1923, Seventh Generation.

2—Chester, Mar. 22, 1924, Seventh Generation.

III—Allen R. Sommer, Sixth Generation, June 10, 1904.

IV—Oren E. Sommer, Sixth Generation, Sept. 25, 1907.

V—Selma I. Sommer, Sixth Generation, Aug. 1, 1910.

D—David J. Moser, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer, Carpenter.

David J. commenced his life near Dalton, Ohio, Mar. 17, 1877. He was educated in district school No. 6, Sugar Creek Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio. He farms a 140-acre farm, and has also for some time worked on the carpenter trade. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church (Sonnenberg), Apr. 16, 1897. The church has honored him with trusts, as president of the C. E. Society, S. S. superintendency, S. S. teacher, and at present he is assistant S. S. Supt., and a deacon in the church. He made a western trip to Oregon and Idaho, where he engaged in manual labor for some time. He was united in marriage with Lina D. Bixler, Feb. 25, 1906. She was born Aug. 20, 1879, near Dalton, Ohio. She has a district school education. She was baptized and received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Apr. 16, 1897. To this union were born near Dalton, Ohio:

I—Ivan D., May 17, 1907, Sixth Generation.

II—Martha W., Feb. 22, 1909, Sixth Generation.

III—Herman L., Sept. 10, 1911, Sixth Generation.

IV—Rollin W., Nov. 28, 1915, Sixth Generation.

E—Reuben J. Moser, Fifth Generation.

Reuben J. was born June 25, 1879. He grew to manhood and then departed June 1, 1906.

F—Martin D. Moser, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer and Teacher.



Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Moser

Martin D. entered life's pathway near Dalton, Ohio, Apr. 22, 1881. He attended graded school No. 6, Sugar Creek Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio, and graduated from the Dalton high school, 1902. He works a small farm, three miles south of Orrville, Ohio, and for 21 years has taught country schools in Wayne Co., and at present teaches district No. 2, or Silver Hill school. He was initiated into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church by the rite of baptism Apr. 15, 1900. For a number of years he was chorister of his church and Sunday school.

He was S. S. Supt., of the Orrville Mission Church for two years, and is a teacher in the Sunday school now. For pleasure and education he made a trip to the Pacific coast, remaining a few months in Oregon and Idaho, and made two trips to Niagara Falls, N. Y. He married Bertha D. Bixler, Dec. 27, 1906, of Wayne Co. She was baptized in 1902, joining the same church as he did. She has been a S. S. teacher. To their domicile arrived, near Dalton, Ohio, Sixth Generation:

I—Virgil George, Dec. 14, 1907.
II—Dorothy Irene, Mar. 11, 1911.
III—Helen Ruth, Jan. 10, 1912.
IV—Lawrence, born and died Jan. 8, 1914.
V—Carl, born and died June 18, 1915.
VI—Edith Lorene, July 2, 1917, and died Dec 11, 1925.
VII—Claire Wilson, Sept. 23, 1918.
VIII—Warren G., Mar. 4, 1921.

### G—Sarah Moser, Lehman, Fifth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Sarah was born Dec. 5, 1883. She only has a common school education. As a young woman she was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church. She was married to Jacob P. Lehman, Feb. 7, 1907. To them were born near Dalton, Ohio, Sixth Generation:

I—Orpha Mae, Feb. 22, 1908.
II—Milton Clifford, Aug. 24, 1909.
III—Paul Willard, Jan. 10, 1911.
IV—Marcus Llewellyn, Sept. 14, 1912.
V—Marvin Alden, Oct. 12, 1914.
VI—Cath. Marie, Oct. 4, 1917.
VII—Clara Ethel, Nov. 27, 1918.

## SECTION VII.

### Magdalena Welty, Moser, Third Generation, 1799-1840.

Magdalena was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1799. She died Apr. 1, 1840. She was a daughter of Ulrich Welty of the Second Generation, born in 1753. Early in young womanhood she was baptized and became a member of the Mennonite Church in Switzerland. On Apr. 26, 1826, she married Jacob Moser, known as Champoz Jacob. He was born at Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1799, and died May 1, 1850. Professionally he was a doctor and also a bookbinder, as a relative, Jacob Moser of Lima, Ohio, stated in 1906. His father was Dr. "Hans" Moser. To them were born at Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland:

## CHAPTER I.

### Benjamin Moser, Fourth Generation.

Benjamin Moser was born May 12, 1828. He was married to Katharina von Käusel, date not given. In his younger days he taught school. Then for many years he was the secretary and Supt. of a large watch factory in Moutier. He was a member of the Reformed Church. He died. Date not known, and she, same. To them were born:

### Fifth Generation

A—William Arnold Moser, born Apr. 27, 1864. Nothing more could be found of him.

B—John O. S. began his earthly life June 1, 1874. He was married to Anna Maria Kath. Huber. Time not found. To them was born:

I—Max Moser, July 8, 1905. Sixth Generation. Nothing heard of him since 1906.

## CHAPTER II.

### Rachel Moser, Schaffter, Fourth Generation.

Rachel was born Sept. 23, 1830. Date of her death unknown. She was married to Aug. Schaffter in 1859. He was born in 1835 and died in 1875. She belonged to the Reformed Church, and so did he to his death. To this union were born in Canton Bern, Switzerland:

### A—Augusta Schaffter, Gueriad, Fifth Generation.

Augusta entered this life June 13, 1860. She married M. Gueriad Sept. 19, 1884. He was born in 1853, and died June 13, 1904. To them were born also in Canton Bern, Switzerland. (Have no record of them since 1906):

### Sixth Generation

I—Elvania U. B., June 13, 1885.
II—Victor, Sept. 1, 1887.
III—Helena H., May 11, 1890.
IV—Rachel A., Dec. 23, 1895.
V—John M., Jan. 10, 1897.

### B—Elisa Schaffter, Racine, Fifth Generation.

Elisa entered the pathway of life Feb. 22, 1863. She became the wife of Julius Racine Mar. 3, 1893. He was born Nov. 1, 1879, and died July 23, 1903. To them were born:

I—George, Dec. 15, 1895, Sixth Generation.
II—Fredrick, Feb. 8, 1897, Sixth Generation.
III—Ferdinand, Mar. 19, 1899, died Nov. 23, same year.

### C—Dina Schaffter, Fink, Fifth Generation.

Dina came on the arena of life Nov. 17, 1867. She was married to John Fink Nov. 13, 1897. He was born Dec. 17, 1865. To them was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland:

I—Magdalena, June, 1903, Sixth Generation. No further word since 1906.

## CHAPTER III.

### Judith Moser, Logenbill, Fourth Generation, 1833-1913.

Judith entered life's toils July 22, 1833. She immigrated to America with her uncle David Moser in 1853, settling in Wayne Co., Ohio. Here she united in marriage with Daniel Logenbill, a farmer, Oct. 6, 1855. In 1868 they moved to Morgan Co., Mo. He died Apr. 3, 1892. She died near El Reno, Okla., Sept. 24, 1913. Both were faithful members of the Mennonite Church until death. To them were born:

### A—Rosa A. Logenbill, Neuenschwander, Fifth Generation, Scott City, Kans.

Rosa came into being in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 14, 1856. She had rural school training. She entered married life with Christian Neuenschwander of Morgan Co., Mo., a successful farmer. They are members of the Mennonite Church at Scott City, Kans., to which place they moved from Ness City, Kans. At first they lived in Morgan Co., Mo., where their children were born, namely:

### I—Sybillia Neuenschwander, Schoonover, Sixth Generation.

Sybillia entered this life Aug. 3, 1880. She has a country school education. She was married in Ness City, Kans., July 25, 1906, with a Mr. Schoonover. Nothing said about church relation. To them were born:

#### Seventh Generation

1—Hazel A., June 28, 1908.
2—Walter, Nov. 11, 1910.*
3—Melvin E., Sept. 14, 1912.
4—Joe G., Sept. 22, 1914.
5—Della J., June 10, 1917.
6—Esther S., Apr. 20, 1921.

* Died Jan. 26, 1911.

### II—Calvin Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation

Calvin entered this world Mar. 24, 1882. He has a common school education. He was married to Lottie Oakes, at El Reno, Mar. 6, 1912. No report as to their church relation. He is likely a farmer. To them are born:

1—Harley A., May 6, 1913, Seventh Generation.

2—Floyd W., Aug. 23, 1915, Seventh Generation.

### III—Dennis D. Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation.

Dennis D. entered this life Jan. 21, 1884. He has a common school education. He married Marguerite Gilliland at Liberty, Kans., Jan. 20, 1925.

### IV—Menno S. Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation.

Menno S. was born Nov. 3, 1885, and died single July 10, 1924. He likely was a member of the Mennonite Church.

### V—Martha Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation.

Martha entered the activities of life Dec. 29, 1887. She has a fair education. Occupation is not given. She is single.

### VI—Orie F. Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation.

Orie F. began the struggle of life Feb. 22, 1890. He attended graded school. He was married to Mable Bachman Aug. 1, 1915. Vocation not given. To them are born:

1—Thelma A., Sept. 31, 1916, Seventh Generation.

2—Doris H., Oct. 1, 1918, Seventh Generation.

3—Ora Mavin, July 1, 1921, Seventh Generation.

### VII—Otto Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation.

Otto entered the race of life Sept. 4, 1891. He has a graded school education. He married Velma Sinn of Hutchinson, Kans., Dec. 31, 1919. Vocation is not given. To their home has come:

1—Robert C., June 8, 1922, Seventh Generation.

### VIII—Delila M. Neuenschwander, Hoffman, Sixth Generation.

Delila M. entered the conflicts of life Dec. 8, 1892. She obtained a graded school education. She married Esher E. Hoffman of Scott City, Kans., Dec. 3, 1919. They are the parents of:

1—Lucile F., July 20, 1921, Seventh Generation.

2—Helen E., June 26, 1922, Seventh Generation.

3—Alfred E., Oct. 18, 1924, Seventh Generation.

### IX—Ida Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation.

Ida came on the shore of time May 12, 1894. She obtained a graded school education. She is yet single. Vocation and church relation not given.

### X—Lorenz Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation.

Lorenz began his life Sept. 4, 1895. He has a rural school training. He travels his course of life alone.

### XI—Esther V. Neuenschwander, Barger, Sixth Generation, Scott City, Kans.

Esther started her journey of life Nov. 4, 1896. She has a graded school education. She married Roy E. Barger July 24, 1919. Vocation and church relation not given. To their family circle were added:

1—Delma Lee, Nov. 11, 1923, Seventh Generation.

2—Lester Leroy, June 24, 1920. Died Aug. 5, same year.

3—Carroll L., Oct. 13, 1925, Seventh Generation.

### XII—Katharine Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation.

Katharine entered life's pathway June 16, 1900. She attended graded school. She was doubtless baptized and united with the Mennonite Church.

### XIII—Ernest Neuenschwander, Sixth Generation.

Ernest came into this world Dec. 23, 1902, and received a common school education.

### B—Dina E. Logenbill, Meshberger, Fifth Generation, Wilson Ave., Upland, Calif.

Dina E. began her earthly life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 10, 1858. She has a common school education. She is a member of the Mennonite Church. She assisted as a missionary for some time in Cantonment, Indian Territory. Here she married Jacob Meshberger, Sept. 2, 1888. He was born near Linn Grove, Adams Co., Ind., Nov. 18, 1857. He is a farmer. From Indian Territory they moved to Upland, Calif. The following children were born to them and doubtless belong to the Mennonite Church:

### I—Daniel B. Meshberger, Sixth Generation.

Daniel B. arrived in this life at El Reno, Okla., Aug. 15, 1889. He is a farmer. Here he received a fair education. He united in marriage with

Lena Liechte July 19, 1916. They belong to the Mennonite Church. To their family circle were added:

Seventh Generation

1—Eunice Adel, Dec. 22, 1920.
2—Carol Ruth, Aug. 15, 1922.
3—Florence Marie, Apr. 20, 1924.
4—Donald Jacob, Sept. 24, 1925. Died Nov. 8, same year.

II—Zilla J. Meshberger, Wilkowske, Sixth Generation, Farmer.

Zilla J. began her walk of life in El Reno, Okla., Nov. 13, 1891. She has a fair education. She married Walter Wilkowske Jan. 1, 1909. He is a farmer. At their home arrived:

1—Carol Matilda, Oct. 20, 1909, Seventh Generation.
2—Olive Ellen, July 12, 1911, Seventh Generation.
3—Wayne Walter, Oct. 14, 1914, Seventh Generation.

III—Zipora S. Meshberger, Sixth Generation.

Zipora S. came into being, at El Reno, Okla., Sept., 1893. She has a good education. She walks the single path of life.

IV—Rufus O. Meshberger, Sixth Generation, Farmer.

Rufus O. began the battle of life in El Reno, Okla., Dec. 23, 1895. He has graded school training. He is a farmer. He was united in marriage with Mildred Gardner June 1, 1925.

V—Ada S. Meshberger, Sixth Generation.

Ada S. was initiated to this life Feb. 23, 1898, at El Reno, Okla. She has a fair education. She belongs to the Mennonite Church since young womanhood.

VI—Lois E. Meshberger, Sixth Generation.

Lois E. came on the stage of life at El Reno, Okla., Aug. 10, 1900. She, too, has a fair education.

VII—Silas J. Meshberger, Sixth Generation.

Silas began this life at El Reno, Okla., Jan. 15, 1902. He had good school privileges.

C—Martha S. Logenbill, Sprunger, Fifth Generation, Farmers, Stafford, Kans.

Martha S. entered this world, in Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 13, 1859. She has a common school education. She is a member of the Mennonite

Church. For some time she assisted in missionary work at Darlington, Okla., where she also entered married life with Joel Sprunger Nov. 23, 1889. He was born near Berne, Ind., Aug. 17, 1858. Farming is their vocation. To their home came at El Reno, Okla.:

I—Rosa, May 16, 1892, Sixth Generation, died the same day.

**II—Omer S. Sprunger, Sixth Generation, Wooster, Ohio, Agent.**

Omer S. was born Nov. 24, 1893. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church of the General Conference May 5, 1912. Later he joined the Nazarene Church and attended the Holiness College of this church at Bethany, Okla., where he remained two terms, beginning Jan. 2, 1911. He was married to Ella Amstutz Mar. 25, 1920. She was born Nov. 12, 1894. He worked on his father's farm until 1920, when they moved to Salem, Oregon, where he bought a small ranch and engaged in farming and poultry raising. In Nov., 1923, they moved back to Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he first farmed, then entered some agency work. To them were born:

1—Ira D., May 22, 1921, Seventh Generation.

2—Leona R., Aug. 17, 1922, Seventh Generation.

3—Martha E., Feb. 22, 1924, Seventh Generation.

III—Eldon C. Sprunger, Nov. 21, 1894, Sixth Generation. Died Jan., 1895.

**IV—Elda V. Sprunger, Sixth Generation, Stafford, Kans.**

Elda V. entered the arena of life Apr. 13, 1897. She has a fair education. She was baptized May 5, 1912, and joined the Mennonite Church of the General Conference. Later she united with the Church of the Nazarene. She is much sought for domestic work in homes. She lives near Stafford, Kans. From Oct., 1917, to Jan., 1918, she attended the "Fortbildungs-Schule" in Meno, Okla. She is single.

**V—Albert H. Sprunger, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Stafford, Kans.**

Albert H. entered the activities of life May 9, 1898. He has a common school education. He was baptized May 5, 1912, when he also joined the Mennonite Church of the General Conference. He is a whole-hearted farmer, specializing in raising wheat, near Stafford, Kans. He is yet single.

VI—Oscar J. Sprunger, Sixth Generation, was born Aug. 17, 1900, and departed June 21, 1901.

**VII—Irene J. Sprunger, Sixth Generation.**

Irene J. began the vicissitudes of life Sept. 28, 1902. She had good

school privileges. She was baptized as a young woman and united with the Mennonite Church of the General Conference. She is yet single.

D—John W. Loganbill, Fifth Generation, Versailles, Mo., Farmer.

John W. was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 13, 1861. He only has a rural school education. He is a member of the Mennonite Church where he lives. He was married to Sarah S. Gerber of Morgan Co., Mo., Oct. 16, 1886. She was born June 17, 1867, and died Jan. 29, 1892. She was a member of the Mennonite Church. To them were born at Versailles, Mo.:

I—Arthur O., Dec. 13, 1888, Sixth Generation, died Sept. 17, 1896.

II—Joseph H. Loganbill, Sixth Generation, Versailles, Mo., Farmer

Joseph H. entered this life June 20, 1890. He has a graded school education, and belongs to the Mennonite Church. He was married to Tinie Callison Nov. 10, 1910. They are farmers. To them is born:

I—Ivan, Dec. 20, 1922. Seventh Generation.

III—Calvin, Jan. 16, 1892, Sixth Generation, died June 17, same year.

John W. was married a second time, now to Ida F. Rhodus, July 20, 1893. She was born in Pike Co., Ill., Feb. 10, 1875. She also is a member of the Mennonite Church. To this union were born:

IV—Bessie E. Loganbill, Lord, El Reno, Okla., Farmer.

Bessie E. was initiated to this life July 14, 1894. She obtained a fair education. She has joined the Mennonite Church. She married Homer R Lord, Dec. 20, 1916. They are farmers. To their home came:

1—Jewel W., Jan. 20, 1923, Seventh Generation.

V—Samuel M. Loganbill, Sixth Generation.

Samuel M. entered the path of life Sept. 4, 1895. He obtained a graded school education. Nothing said about his church relation and occupation.

VI—Fannie M. Loganbill, Poeh'man, Sixth Generation, Stockton, Calif.

Fannie M. entered her career in life May 19, 1897. She has a fair education. Nothing said as to her church relation, or occupation. She was married to Howard Poehlman Dec. 4, 1921. To them was born:

1—Betty Love, Oct. 11, 1925, Seventh Generation.

VII—Ella L. Loganbill, Milburn, Sixth Generation, Fresno, Calif.

Ella L. entered the arena of life Feb. 17, 1898. Here she obtained a graded school training. She married Jesse Milburn Feb. 22, 1923. No

church relation or vocation given. To them was born:

1—W. M., Dec. 2, 1924, Seventh Generation.

VIII—Cecil O. Loganbiil, Sixth Generation, Fresno, Calif.

Cecil O. came into being Dec. 29, 1901. He obtained a rural school education. He married Vera Loudell July 27, 1924. They live at Fresno, Calif. Nothing else reported.

IX—Roy E. Loganbill, Sixth Generation.

Roy E. was born Apr. 23, 1904. He received a good education. No other report.

E—Clara Loganbill, Fifth Generation, born in 1863, and died Nov. 9, 1869.

F—Marie S. Loganbiil, Murphy, Fifth Generation, Fresno, Calif.

Marie S. was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 25, 1865. She obtained a common school training. She is a member of the Mennonite Church. She married James H. Murphy June 28, 1911. Vocation is not given.

G—Joel E. Loganbill, Fifth Generation, Farmer.

Joel E. entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 10, 1867. He had access to common schools. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. He farms and lives a bachelor's life.

H—Albert E. Loganbill, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Geary, Okla.

Albert E. was born in Morgan Co., Mo., Mar. 5, 1869. He has a common school education. He entered married life with Barbara Bixler of Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 17, 1891. Both belong to the Mennonite Church. He was baptized Apr. 8, 1887, and she Mar., 1889, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She transferred to the Geary Mennonite Church Mar. 29, 1907. They are farmers, living on the Rev. Krehbiel homestead farm, since coming to Oklahoma. Their children were born at Versailles, Mo., namely:

I—Effie F. Loganbill, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Geary, Okla.

Effie F. was born Dec. 6, 1892. She obtained a fair education. She entered married life with Edgar J. Lehman of Geary, Okla., June 10, 1914. He is a bookkeeper in the Blain Mill and Elevator Co., here since 1906. He was born June 13, 1884. Both belong to the Mennonite Church. She was baptized Apr. 17, 1908, and he at Halstead, Kans., Mar. 9, 1902, and transferred to Geary M. E. Church, Dec. 17, 1905. Here were born to them:

1—Frances V., Aug. 31, 1917, Seventh Generation.

2—Dorothy H., Apr. 14, 1921, Seventh Generation.

**II—Aldus C. Loganbill, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Inola, Okla.**

Aldus C. was born Jan. 14, 1894. He has a rural school education. He was married to Susie R. V. Krehbiel, Aug. 1, 1920. They are farmers. Both belong to the Mennonite Church. He was baptized Apr. 17, 1902, and she Apr. 12, 1914. Their first two children were born at Geary and the last one at Inola, Okla., namely:

1—Vera Ruth, June 7, 1921, Seventh Generation.

2—Elinor Susan, Apr. 8, 1923, Seventh Generation.

3—Irma LaVete, Feb. 28, 1925, Seventh Generation.

**III—Orvilla M. Loganbill, Ringelman, Sixth Generation, Meat Merchant, Geary, Okla.**

Orvilla M. began life June 17, 1895. She graduated from Geary high school and attended one year Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. Then taught school one year. She married Orlando K. Ringelman of Halstead, Kans., July 12, 1919. He was born Feb. 13, 1893. They are Mennonites. She was baptized June 4, 1911, and he Apr. 17, 1908. They live in Geary, where he owns and manages a meat market. Here was born to them:

1—Ralph Edward, Dec. 20, 1921, Seventh Generation.

**IV—Martha E. Loganbill, Sixth Generation, Geary, Okla.**

Martha E. entered life's pathway May 8, 1897. She graduated from Geary high school and attended one year the Bluffton College in Ohio, and one in Edmond, Okla., then taught school one term. By baptism, June 4, 1911, she united with the Mennonite Church. She walks the single path of life.

**V—Daniel W. Loganbill, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Geary, Okla.**

Daniel W. was born Oct. 10, 1898. He finished graded school and had one year of study at Bluffton College. He was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church Apr. 12, 1914. He now is manager of the home farm. He is yet single.

**VI—Frieda K. Loganbill, Sixth Generation, Geary, Okla.**

Frieda K. was born Nov. 1, 1902. She, too, graduated from the Geary high school and had one year of work at Bluffton College, and one in Edmond, Okla. She belongs to the Mennonite Church since June 7, 1919, when she was baptized. She is yet single.

VII—Florence O. Loganbill, Sixth Generation, Geary, Okla.

Florence O. was born Sept. 2, 1906. Graduated from the Geary high school in 1926. By baptism she became a member of the Mennonite Church Apr. 1, 1923.

VIII—Clyde B. Loganbill, Sixth Generation, Geary, Okla.

Clyde was born May 8, 1915, at Geary, Okla. He is now in school.

I—Ida M. Loganbill, Butler, Fifth Generation, Kansas.

Ida M. was born in Morgan Co., Mo., Feb. 18, 1871. She has a rural school education, and belongs to the Mennonite Church. She married Albert Butler. They farm. Born to them are:

Sixth Generation

I—Alvin Benj., Oct. 11, 1895, day laborer.
II—Lester Franklin, Dec. 25, 1899, day laborer, Hesston, Kans.
III—Lawrence Albert, May 22, 1903, mechanic, Panil, Kans.
IV—Goldie Ida, Oct. 26, 1906, student, Kingsley, Kans.
V—Arvilla May, May 14, 1910, Gray Co., Kans.
VI—Emma Elizabeth, Mar. 12, 1913, Mt. Baldy, Colo.

J—Edmond F. Loganbill, Fifth Generation, Okarche, Okla.

Edmond F. entered the path of life in Morgan Co., Mo., June 8, 1873. He only attended district school. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. He was united in marriage with Sophia Neuenschwander Dec. 25, 1902. She was born in McPherson Co., Kans., May 1, 1880. To them were born at ElReno, Canadian Co., Okla.:

I—Verna H. Loganbill, Roth, Sixth Generation, Silverton, Ore.

Verna H. came into being May 10, 1904. She attended graded school. She married Henry Roth Mar. 19, 1924. He was born Feb. 28, 1899. They live in Silverton, Ore. To them is born:

I—Harold Edward, Feb. 8, 1925, Seventh Generation.
II—Elma R., July 13, 1905, Sixth Generation.
III—Everet E., June 6, 1906, Sixth Generation, died Nov. 16, same year.
IV—Christian M., Nov. 14, 1907, Sixth Generation.
V—Omer, Apr. 9, 1915, Sixth Generation.
VI—Dennis, Sept. 29, 1917, Sixth Generation.

K—Allen B. Loganbill, Fifth Generation, Okarche, Okla.

Allen B. was born in Morgan Co., Mo., Nov. 6, 1875. He has a rural school education. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. He married

Kath. Kuntze, Dec. 4, 1895, Morgan Co., Mo. She was born in Hickory Co., Mo. In Morgan Co., were born to them:

I—Elva M. Loganbiil, Craig, Sixth Generation, El Reno, Okla.

Elva M. came into existence Aug., 1896. She has a fair education. She entered nuptial relations with Harry L. Craig, at El Reno, Okla., Dec. 21, 1916. They likely belong to the Mennonite Church. To them were born at El Reno, Okla.:

1—Martha C., Jan. 14, 1919, Seventh Generation.

2—Oscar L., July 9, 1920, Seventh Generation.

II—Amelia J. Loganbill, Palmer, Sixth Generation, El Reno, Okla.

Amelia J. entered the walk of life Aug. 24, 1898. She has a graded school education. She married Glen S. Palmer Oct. 18, 1916. They likely are members of the Mennonite Church. Children born to them at El Reno, Oklahoma, are:

Seventh Generation

1—Clifford O., Aug. 31, 1917.
2—Iona C., May 14, 1919.
3—Gilbert W., Sept. 22, 1922.
4—Luella J., Nov. 9, 1925.

III—Harvey J. Loganbill, Sixth Generation, Calumet, Okla.

Harvey J. arrived in Morgan Co., Mo., Aug. 27, 1899, where he also received his rural education. He took the marriage vow with Olive Wintermore of Calumet, Okla., Dec. 25, 1924. They doubtless belong to the Mennonite Church. To them is born at Calumet:

1—Allen G., Oct. 9, 1925, Seventh Generation.

IV—Ida E. Loganbill, Aug. 11, 1909, Sixth Generation.

L—Sarah E. Loganbill, Fifth Generation, was born in 1877, and died Apr. 6, 1879.

## CHAPTER IV.

### Sarah Moser, Loganbill, Fourth Generation, Fortuna, Mo.

Sarah was born in Switzerland June 6, 1836. She received German and French schooling. In 1853 she came to America with her uncle, David Moser, making her home with Uncle Nicklaus Gerber, Wayne Co., Ohio. She married John Loganbill Oct. 6, 1855. Both joined the Mennonite Church in 1854, by baptism, and lived good Christian lives. In the spring of 1866 they moved to Morgan Co., Mo., bought a farm and remained on it to their end. For some years she was president of the

Young Girls' Sewing Society, but refused to serve, due to age, in 1905. On October of this year they celebrated their golden wedding with 100 guests present. They were farmers. He was born Jan. 25, 1835, in Wayne Co., Ohio. Time of their death not given. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio, where they went to district school, namely:

A—Benj. F. Loganbill, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Mo.

Benj. was born July 9, 1856. He is a practical farmer. He married Lizzie J. Lehman Jan. 22, 1885. Both are worthy members of the Mennonite Church in which he has been missionary treasurer, and both, S. S. teachers. She also was vice-president of the W. S. Society. To their home came in Morgan Co., Mo.:

I—Alpha A. Loganbill, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Versailles, Mo.

Alpha A. was born June 4, 1886, and obtained a rural school education, and by baptism became a member of her parents' church. In 1907 she was treasurer of the W. S. S., and taught a S. S. class. She married Thomas W. Lehman Mar. 28, 1912. He was born Mar. 19, 1887, at Versailles, Mo. He farmed. He died Aug. 24, 1922. Both joined the Mennonite Church. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Tilman V., Mar. 10, 1913. 2—Ruth E., July 10, 1914.

3—Eldon W., July 16, 1916.

II—Ella Cornelia Loganbill was born Oct. 2, 1890, and died Dec. 11, 1891, Sixth Generation.

III—Delbert C. Loganbill, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Versailles, Mo.

Delbert C. entered this life Nov. 2, 1893, and received a common education. Was baptized Apr. 10, 1914, and joined the Mennonite Church. He married Cleola Phillips in 1916 at Barnett, Rev. Boyce officiating. She was born Apr. 25, 1898. To them were born:

Seventh Generation

1—Juanita M., Nov. 26, 1916. 3—Viola L., Jan. 27, 1920.

2—Vincel L., July 25, 1918, died Sept. 22, 1919.

B—Caroline E. Loganbill, Lehman, Fifth Generation, 1858-1901.

Caroline E. was born Mar. 30, 1858. For the special benefit of Mennonite children she taught a German school one term. By baptism she became a member of the Mennonite Church when a young woman. Feb.

5, 1885, she married M. E. Lehman, also a member of her church. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, June 24, 1854. She died Feb. 9, 1901. To them were born in Moniteau Co., Mo., where they were schooled, namely:

### Sixth Generation

I—Hilda R., Jan. 22, 1887.*
II—Elma C., Apr. 26, 1889.
III—Elvin R., Feb. 22, 1891.
IV—Della E., Feb. 23, 1893.
V—Ada C., Nov. 29, 1895.
VI—Lydia S., July 10, 1900.**

* Died Aug. 6, 1888.
** Died Feb. 16, 1902.

### C—Solomon M. Loganbill, Fifth Generation.

Solomon M. was born Aug. 24, 1859. He was a bright young man. He began teaching school when 18 years old continuing until his demise Oct. 24, 1881. He had joined the Mennonite Church.

### D—Emilie M. Loganbill, Fifth Generation.

Emilie M. was born Jan. 6, 1862, and died 16 days old.

### E—William M. Loganbill, Fifth Generation.

Wm. M. was born Nov. 24, 1863, and departed Sept. 6, 1864.

## CHAPTER V.

### Solomon Moser, Fourth Generation.

Solomon was born about 1837. While at college obtaining a good education he passed from labor to reward. Time of death not given.

## CHAPTER VI.

### Dina Moser, Gerber, Fourth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Dina was born in Switzerland, Aug. 9, 1839. With her uncle, David Moser, she came to America in 1853, and made her abode with her uncle, Nicklaus Gerber, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She had a fair German schooling. By baptism she was received into the Mennonite Church when a young woman and lived an active life. She married Mathias S. Gerber, Sept. 27, 1862. He is a farmer and carpenter. Four children were born to them in Wayne Co., Ohio, where they received a common school education and were baptized and received into their parents' church, namely:

### A—Salome Gerber, Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, Newton, Kans.

Salome was born July 6, 1863. She was baptized Apr. 16, 1882, and married to Abraham Amstutz Feb. 2, 1895. After his death she again

married Simon P. Baumgartner, Dec. 20, 1900. For more history see Book III, Section II, Chapter I, under letter F.

### B—Malinda Gerber, Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

Malinda was born Nov. 12, 1864. She was baptized Apr. 7, 1882, and married Daniel H. Amstutz Aug. 16, 1913, in the Sonnenberg M. Church. They are farmers.

### C—Valentine Gerber, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Builder.

Valentine M. was born Feb. 14, 1868. By baptism he was received into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 30, 1888. He taught school for a while. He is a farmer, architect and builder. He married Mary J. Hofstetter, Dec. 18, 1890. She was born Sept. 27, 1865, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She died Mar. 21, 1924. She too, was a Mennonite. To them were born seven children, obtained good schooling, and are all unmarried, namely:

#### Sixth Generation

I—Allen, June 6, 1894. He is an architect and draftsman.

II—Nelson, May 4, 1895. He is an engineer and draftsman.

III—Emma, Feb. 15, 1897. She does domestic work.

IV—Enos, Sept. 16, 1898. Died Feb. 7, 1900.

V—Effie, Mar. 7, 1901. She is a stenographer and typist.

VI—Merle, Apr. 25, 1905. He is a school teacher.

VII—Oura, Sept. 3, 1907. He is a college student.

### D—Jacob M. Gerber, Fifth Generation, Farmer and Carpenter.

Jacob was born Sept. 1, 1872. He attended rural school. He farms and does carpentering. By baptism he joined the Mennonite Church Apr. 15, 1892. He married Lina C. Sommer June 1, 1895. She was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, June 6, 1874, joined the Mennonite Church in 1892 by baptism. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio, where all attended district school, namely:

#### I—Susan Jane Gerber, Welty, Sixth Generation.

Susan was born Apr. 25, 1896. She married David N. Welty, Nov. 26, 1916. To them was born:

1—Denver Lee, Dec. 20, 1922, Seventh Generation.

#### II—Hilda May Gerber, Lehman, Sixth Generation.

Hilda M. came to be Sept. 4, 1898. She married David Lehman June 19, 1921. He farms. Born to them is:

1—Irene May, Feb. 18, 1924, Seventh Generation.

III—Eva Malinda Gerber, Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Eva M. was born July 21, 1900. She married Daniel F. Amstutz, June 24, 1920. He farms. To them were born:

1—Lester Dale, Feb. 2, 1922, Seventh Generation.

2—Marvin La Vern, Mar. 3, 1924, Seventh Generation.

IV—Elmer Lee, Nov. 9, 1903, Sixth Generation.

V—Otto Edwin, Oct. 20, 1905, Sixth Generation.

VI—Dina Barbara, Nov. 28, 1907, Sixth Generation, died Dec. 7, same year.

VII—Willes Lester, Feb. 3, 1910, Sixth Generation.

VIII—Lee Franklin, Jan. 16, 1918, Sixth Generation.

## SECTION VIII.

### Katharina and Verena Welty, Gerber, Third Generation.

Katharina and Verena (twin sisters) were born Mar. 21, 1800,. in Chaluet, near Court, Switzerland. They came to America as young women, likely with their half brothers, Peter and John, commonly called "Hans", in 1824, and settled in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sonnenberg. Here they lived on farms engaging in hard pioneer work, and all that such a life included in those days. They belonged to the Swiss Mennonites in Switzerland and brought their religious tenets with them and helped to establish the Swiss Mennonite Church on "Sonnenberg". They were daughters of Ulrich Welty by his second wife Barbara Bichsel.

### Katharina Welty, Gerber, 1800-1886.

Katharina, of the above twin pair, was married to Nicklaus Gerber about 1820. They lived devoted lives to their church and were appreciated citizens of Wayne Co., Ohio. They never had any children. She passed to her heavenly home Apr. 28, 1886. Date of his death, Nov. 18, 1881.

### Verena Welty, Gerber, 1800-1883.

Verena, of the above twin pair, was married to Ulrich Gerber, about 1831. She departed this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Aug. 21, 1883. They, too, were honored members in their church and respected citizens of Wayne Co., Ohio. To this union were born near Dalton, Ohio:

## CHAPTER I.

### Elizabeth Gerber, Baumgartner, Fourth Generation, 1833—

Elizabeth entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 17, 1833. Her school privileges were limited to rural school of the early type. She was married to David D. Baumgartner, Oct. 6, 1855, Rev. U. Sommer officiating. She was baptized and received into the Swiss Mennonite Church on Sonnenberg by Rev. U. S., Apr. 6, 1849. For the history of her husband and children, see Book III, Section II, Chapter IV, David D. Baumgartner.

## CHAPTER II.

### Barbara Gerber, Amstutz, Fourth Generation, 1835-1903.

Barbara entered the pathway of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 14, 1835. Her school privileges were also limited to early rural schools. She was united in marriage with Jonas Amstutz of Wayne Co., Ohio, June 25, 1857. She went to her reward July 31, 1903. They were members of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. She was baptized Apr. 9, 1852. They were respected in and out of the church. This union was blessed with the following children:

### A—Mary Ann Amstutz, Steiner, Fifth Generation, 1857-1923.

Mary Ann's pilgrimage began in Wayne Co., Ohio, July 27, 1858. Her school privileges were old style rural schools. When a young woman she was baptized and united with the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, and graced her life with loyalty to her church and her home. She married Manasses Steiner Dec. 27, 1884. She departed this life Apr. 21, 1923. To them were born:

### I—Sarah Steiner, Sixth Generation.

Sarah was born Sept. 27, 1885, and as a fleeing shadow passed beyond Aug. 5, 1886.

### II—Barbara Steiner, Sixth Generation.

Barbara came into being Mar. 19, 1889, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She attended district school. When a young woman she received baptism and reception into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, to which she has remained faithful. She never married.

B—Joel Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

Joel was born Dec. 25, 1859, and on June 20, 1860, departed this life.

C—Elizabeth Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

Elizabeth was born Apr. 17, 1861, and passed to realms above Feb. 23, 1875.

D—Solomon J. Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

Solomon was born in Wayne Co., Dec. 25, 1862. He has a common school education. He was baptized and admitted to the Mennonite Church as a young man. He married Sarah Steiner Dec. 27, 1884. She was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, and baptized and admitted as member in the Mennonite Church. She died May 28, 1895. They are the parents of:

I—Lydia Amstutz, Brubaker, Sixth Generation.

Lydia entered the arena of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Jan. 25, 1886. She enjoyed good schooling. Baptism was administered upon her when young and was also taken in as a member of the Mennonite Church. She married Ezra Brubaker March 21, 1911. Born to them are:

1—Sarah, May 8, 1912, Seventh Generation.

2—Marion, Sept. 9, 1915, Seventh Generation.

II—Sarah Ann Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Sarah was born May 28, 1888, and was summoned to heaven Aug. 27, 1894.

III—Clara Amstutz, Wenger, Sixth Generation.

Clara entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 7, 1890. She obtained a good education. June 4, 1921, she was married to Samuel Wenger. He was born Sept. 16, 1884. Both are members of the Mennonite Church. To them are born:

1—Infant daughter and son.

2—Leroy Wenger, Sept. 12, 1925.

IV—Lovina Amstutz, July 22, 1891. Died Sept. 10, 1900, Sixth Generation.

V—Caroline Amstutz, Nov. 11, 1892. Died June 27, 1917, Sixth Generation.

VI—Lena Amstutz, July 23, 1894. Died Jan. 23, 1895, Sixth Generation.

Solomon Amstutz was married again, Dec. 8, 1896, to Barbara Hochstetter. She was born Apr. 20, 1870. She also belongs to his church. To them are born:

VII—Ellen Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Ellen was initiated to this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 12, 1898. She had good school advantages. She was baptized and became a member of the Mennonite Church. Her vocation was not given.

VIII—Anna Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Anna made her appearance in Wayne Co., Ohio, Aug. 4, 1899. She attended common school. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church. Her vocation was not given. She is still single.

IX—Celesta Amstutz, Eberly, Sixth Generation.

Celesta began her toils in Wayne Co., Ohio, Jan. 6, 1902. She has a rural school education, and is a member of the Mennonite Church, by baptism. She married Jay Eberly, Aug. 15, 1925. His birth was not given, nor his vocation.

X—Adam Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Adam came into this world in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 10, 1906. He has had good school opportunities. Nothing further learned of him.

E—Fanny G. Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

Fanny came into being in Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 7, 1864. Early in womanhood she was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church. She travels the path of life alone.

F—Rosina G. Amstutz, Schaller, Fifth Generation, Orrville, Ohio.

Rosina G began her walk in life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Aug. 9, 1866. She obtained a rural school education. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church. She united in marriage with Justin Schaller Dec. 15, 1896. He was born Aug. 27, 1857. His work was not stated. To them are born at Orrville, Ohio:

I—Daughter, Oct. 18, 1897, died Nov. 4, same year.

II—Son, Nov. 21, 1898, died 8 days later.

III—Ida Mae Schaller, Sixth Generation, Orrville, Ohio.

Ida M. came upon the arena of life Jan. 17, 1900, Orrville, Ohio.

IV—Harvey Schaller, Sixth Generation.

Harvey first greeted the world July 22, 1901, at Orrville, Ohio.

V—Lester Schaller, Sixth Generation.

Lester began his earthly career at Orrville, Ohio, Dec. 2, 1902. He attended graded school. He married Bertha Geiger July 6, 1925. She was born July 10, 1903. Nothing more learned of them.

VI—Alvin Schaller, born Nov. 3, 1903, passed to realms above June 6, 1904.

### G—Lena Amstutz, Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, Orrville, Ohio.

Lena came on the scene of action in Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 15, 1867. She only attended common school. When a young woman she was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church. Jan. 11, 1894, she married Jacob Baumgartner. For more history of this family see Book III, Section II, Chapter I, Letter G.

### H—David Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

David entered this world in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 28, 1869. His education was limited to district school. When a young man he united with the Mennonite Church by baptism. He has traveled singly.

### I—John Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

John entered the toils of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 16, 1871. He has a rural school education. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church in manhood. His vocation is not given. He married Ida Burkholder Nov. 3, 1898. She, too, belongs to the Mennonite Church. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

I—David, July 5, 1900, and passed on to heaven 10 days later.

### II—Mable Amstutz, Schlonege, Sixth Generation.

Mabel commenced her life Sept. 1, 1901. She had good school privileges. She received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church. She married Reuben Schlonege Dec. 31, 1923. His birth and vocation is not given. To their home came:

1—Ira Nathan, Oct. 17, 1925, Seventh Generation.

### III—Lovina Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Lovina entered upon her sphere of life June 7, 1904.

### IV—Ellen Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Ellen was welcomed to this life Jan. 5, 1907.

### V—Emma Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Emma found reception to this life July 22, 1909.

### VI—Viola Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Viola made her bow to life Apr. 22, 1913.

### J—Caroline G. Amstutz, Jenny, Fifth Generation, 1873-1906.

Caroline entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 23, 1873. She attended district school. She united with the Mennonite Church when she was baptized. She entered married life with John Jenny Jan. 23, 1900.

He was born Apr. 19, 1871. His occupation is not given. She departed this life July 28, 1906. To this union were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

I—Edna Jenny, Sixth Generation.

Edna entered the path of life Feb. 15, 1901. Nothing else reported.

II—Elmer Jenny, Sixth Generation.

Elmer began his first mile in life Nov. 27, 1905. No other word.

K—Barbara G. Amstutz, Fifth Generation, 1876-1917.

Barbara entered upon life's pathway in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 9, 1876. She only had district schooling. When a young woman she was baptized and admitted into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Oct. 12, 1913, she married W. H. Shoup. He was born Feb. 14, 1868. Their married life was brief, she having passed away July 31, 1917.

## CHAPTER III.

Maria Gerber, Gerber, Fourth Generation, 1837-1922.

Maria was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, May 9, 1837, where she attended rural school. She married Christian Gerber (no kin) Sept. 27, 1860. She was baptized Apr. 14, 1854, and he Apr. 6, 1855, and by this rite both became members of the Mennonite Church. He passed away Sept. 28, 1917, and she Dec. 3, 1922. To them were born:

A—Fanny C. Gerber, Amstutz, Fifth Generation.

Fanny entered this life at Mt. Eaton, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1862. She went to rural school. She married Jacob A. Amstutz Dec. 1, 1883. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 4, 1856. Both were baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church. They are farmers. To them were born:

I—Simon Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Simon was born Jan. 1, 1885, and passed beyond Dec. 11, 1891.

II—Rhoda Amstutz, Hofstetter, Sixth Generation, 1886-1918.

Rhoda began her race in life, Oct. 8, 1886. She obtained a fair education. She gave her hand in marriage to John C. Hofstetter Dec. 13, 1906. He was born Sept. 1, 1881, in Wayne Co., Ohio. Both joined the Mennonite Church as adults. She died June 18, 1918.

III—Lina Amstutz, Nussbaum, Sixth Generation.

Lina began her life Mar. 20, 1888. She has a fair education. She was

united in wedlock with Samuel E. Nussbaum Oct. 14, 1909. He entered this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 31, 1884. As young people they joined the Mennonite Church. They welcomed the following children into their home:

Seventh Generation

1—Esther, Aug. 9, 1910.
2—Harvey, Apr. 2, 1912.
3—George, June 2, 1914.
4—Edna, Jan. 23, 1917.
5—Pauline, Nov. 17, 1918.
6—William, July 15, 1920.
7—Verena, Jan. 19, 1923.

### IV—Louis Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Louis began his earthly trials Mar. 30, 1889. He has a graded school education. He married Elta Steiner Oct. 10, 1912. She was born Mar. 29, 1894. They are the parents of:

1—Victor, Apr. 13, 1915, Seventh Generation.
2—Idella, Nov. 4, 1918, Seventh Generation.

### V—Emma Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Emma was born Aug. 13, 1893. She attended rural school. She is yet single.

### VI—Enos Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Enos was born Feb. 4, 1896. He grew to manhood. He died June 21, 1914.

### VII—Edna Amstutz, Lehman, Sixth Generation.

Edna found a welcome in this life May 10, 1898. She has a country school education. She entered matrimony with Aaron J. Lehman Mar. 6, 1919. He was born Apr. 19, 1896. To their family circle were added:

1—Vernon J., Feb. 6, 1921, Seventh Generation.
2—Nathan H., Aug. 11, 1925, Seventh Generation.

### VIII—Daniel Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Daniel was born Feb. 10, 1900. He was married to Eva Gerber June 24, 1920. She was born July 21, 1900. To them are born:

1—Lester Dale, Feb. 2, 1922, Seventh Generation.
2—Marvin Leverne, Mar. 3, 1923, Seventh Generation.

### IX—Albert Amstutz, Sixth Generation.

Albert entered life's pathway July 1, 1901. He has a fair education. He married Della Gerber Sept. 14, 1922. She was born June 28, 1901. To their home came:

1—Agnes, Feb. 10, 1923, Seventh Generation.
2—Denis L., Oct. 6, 1925, Seventh Generation.

B—Lina Gerber, Welty, Fifth Generation, 1864-1922.

Lina commenced her earthly career in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 14, 1864. She went to rural school. She was married to Benjamin P. Welty Dec. 22, 1900. He was born July 7, 1862. They joined the Mennonite Church on Sonnenberg when adults. She passed to her eternal reward June 22, 1922.

C—Elizabeth Gerber, Lehman, Fifth Generation.

Elizabeth found a welcome in this life Feb. 23, 1870, in Wayne Co., Ohio. Here she obtained her education. She married Simeon Lehman Feb. 11, 1910. He was born Sept. 9, 1862. As young folks they united with the Mennonite Church on Sonnenberg. To them were born:

I—Daughter, Dec. 26, 1910, and died the same day.

II—Monroe, Apr. 2, 1914, died Apr. 24, 1915.

D—John C. Gerber, Fifth Generation, Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.

John C. entered the arena of life at Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 5, 1875. He attended country school No. 6. His whole life was devoted to farming, one mile southwest of Dalton. They were baptized and admitted into the Swiss Mennonite Church on Sonnenberg, he Apr. 15, 1892; she in 1890. He was united in marriage with Magdalena Bixler of Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 1, 1904.

I—Anna Ruth, May 3, 1907, Sixth Generation.

II—Esther Marie, May 9, 1909, Sixth Generation.

III—Daniel Irvin, Sept. 1, 1910, Sixth Generation.

## CHAPTER IV.

### Christian U. Gerber, Fourth Generation.



Mr. and Mrs. Christian U. Gerber

Christian U. entered the path of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, June 20, 1839. Having been a native of this county he had a big share in pioneering and developing the county. His school opportunities were those of the early days. He was baptized Apr. 10, 1857, and united with the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. He

united in marriage with Elizabeth Zuercher May 24, 1860. She was baptized Apr. 6, 1855. She died at the age of 29 years, 10 months. He was married again Nov. 4, 1871, to Lizzie Lehman. She was baptized Apr. 6, 1860. He had three children by his first wife, namely, Gideon, David, and Anna, and three with his second, namely, Albert, Reuben, and Martha. All were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

A—Gideon was born June 26, 1861, Fifth Generation, and died Apr. 12, 1869.

### B—David E. Gerber, Fifth Generation, 1864-1919.

David E. entered this life Apr. 13, 1864. He attended rural school. By baptism he was initiated into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church when a young man. He entered married life with Elizabeth Moser, Jan. 16, 1890. She died Mar. 12, 1913, and he May 18, 1919. To this union were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

1—Carl Gerber, Sixth Generation, born Jan. 17, 1892, and died Apr. 13, 1896.

### II—Edna Magdalena Gerber, Sommer, Sixth Generation, Farmers.

Edna M. entered this life Jan. 10, 1895. She had graded school privileges. As a young woman she was baptized and joined the Mennonite Church. She married Emmet Sommer June 9, 1920. They are farmers.

### III—Ruth Marie Gerber, High, Sixth Generation.

Ruth M. entered life's pathway July 10, 1898. She only had graded school privileges. When a young woman she was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church. She entered matrimony with Lester W. High Mar. 12, 1925.

### IV—Martha Olga Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Martha O. appeared in life Mar. 20, 1903. She, too, went to graded school. As a young woman she was baptized and initiated into the Mennonite Church. She is yet single and at home with Aunt Mrs. Werner Ruff.

### V—Paul Dudly Gerber, Sixth Generation.

Paul D. entered the walk of life Aug. 23, 1907. He attended graded school. He likely is baptized and a member of the Mennonite Church. He is yet at home with his aunt, Mrs. Werner Ruff.


NICKLAUS WELTY 1750 Second Generation
John Welty 1st & 2d Gen.
ULRICH WELTY
JACOB WELTY
Christian Welty
John Hans Welty
Made with pen by S. H. Baumgartner. 1926.
Members in each Generation
First.....1
Second.....3
Third.....15
Fourth.....57
Fifth.....246
Sixth.....1054
Total.....1376

# BOOK III.

History of

JACOB WELTY

Second Generation, Including 289 Persons

Section I—FREDRICK WELTY, born about 1780-5.

Section II—CHRISTIAN WELTY, born about 1782-7.

Chapter I—Barbara Welty, Baumgartner, 1795.
Chapter II—Peter Welty, 1797.
Chapter III—Anna Welty, Nussbaum, 1802.
Chapter IV—Christina Welty, Sommer, 1805.
Chapter V—Katharina Welty, Lehman, 1807.
Chapter VI—Magdalena Anna Welty, 1809.

"Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations." Ps 90:1

We meet today to celebrate
The memory of our ancestry,
Who sprang from Switzerland,
That state of Tell and Winkelried, the free.
We pause today to commemorate
The wisdom of our ancestry,
Who sought new homes to share the fate
With Washington and Liberty.
—By Prof. Milton D. Baumgartner,
Descendant of this branch.

## Jacob Welty (Wälti), Second Generation, 1755—

Jacob was born about 1755 in Leuenberg, Canton Basel, Switzerland, where his brothers Nicklaus and Ulrich were born in 1750 and 1753 respectively. Later he owned a homestead in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmenthal, Oberamt Barus. In about 1815-16, still living here, he sold his homestead and the appurtenances thereof to his nephew John Welty, son of Nicklaus, his brother, who at this time was married and moved here, Fredrick Welty of Bluffton, Ohio, so reported in Apr., 1902, to his nephew, S. H. Baumgartner, saying, here all of John's children were born.

The first one was born in 1817, which was Fredrick's brother John. The time of Jacob's marriage and to whom and his death, could not be found. But he had two sons, Fredrick and Christian. They form Section I and II in this book.

## SECTION I.

### Fredrick Welty (Wälti), Third Generation, Saddler.

Fredrick was born about 1780-85. No one now living seems to have any record of his birth. Nor is the compiler certain that he is the older of the two brothers. In 1896, when Fredrick Welty of Bluffton, Ohio, made a visit to Switzerland, he also visited this Fredrick, who then lived in Muri, near Bern, and was a saddler by trade, and stated that he had a brother Christian. Nothing was stated whether or not this Fredrick had a family, but in all likelihood not, as some traces would be left, if he ever had been married, and had children.

## SECTION II.

### Christian Welty (Wälti), Third Generation, Saddler.

Christian was born likely in Bagischwand, Lanperswyl, Emmenthal, Oberamt Barus, Switzerland, about 1782-86. Little has been found about this relative. He was still living in 1896, when Fredrick Welty of Bluffton, Ohio, also visited him, when he was on a visit to Switzerland. He then lived in Sumiswald, near Trachselwald. He was married to Anna Zürcher. They belonged to the Mennonite Church in Switzerland. He was a saddler by trade. Time of his death not learned. To them were born six children forming six chapters in this book, namely:

#### Fourth Generation

Chapter I—Barbara Welty, Baumgartner, Apr. 1, 1795.

Chapter II—Peter Welty, 1797. Unmarried.

Chapter III—Anna Welty, Nusbaumer, 1802.

Chapter IV—Christina Welty, Sommer, June 11, 1805.

Chapter V—Katharina Welty, Lehman, 180—.

Chapter VI—Magdalena Welty, 180—. Unmarried.

## CHAPTER I.

### Barbara Welty, Baumgartner, Fourth Generation, 1795-1880.

Barbara entered this life in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Apr. 1, 1795. She was a granddaughter of Jacob and the first child of Christian Welty. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. David Baumgartner, her father-in-law, Mar. 16, 1813. She was married to David Baumgartner, Apr. 3, 1824. He was born in Buderichgraben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 7, 1798, and died in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 4, 1863. She died June 28, 1880. In 1824 they emigrated to America, settling in Wayne Co., Ohio, where he followed farming until his demise. They were both honored members of their church and loyally adhere to and advocated her doctrines and polity. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church on Easter Sunday, 1816. To this union were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

### A—Anna D. Baumgartner, Tschantz, Fifth Generation, 1825-1901.

Anna D. entered life's pathway Sept. 16, 1825. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 25, 1842, by Rev. Peter Schneck. She was wedded to Abraham C. Tschantz, Sept. 11, 1845, with the aforesaid Rev. officiating. He was born June 4, 1818, and died of dropsy, Jan. 7, 1897, and she died of erysipelas June 4, 1901. Of her it was said that she was a Dorcas, ever seeking to do good to those in need. They followed farming. Both remained faithful and respected members of their church until death. The following children issued from this union, all born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

#### I—Christian C. Tschantz, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Orrville, Ohio.

Christian C. commenced his life June 20, 1846. He was baptized Apr. 14, 1865, by Rev. U. Sommer and received as member of the Mennonite Church. On Oct. 27, 1870, he was united in marrage with Mary A. Fiechter, by Rev. John Moser. She was born Aug. 28, 1848, in Switzerland, and received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church, Apr. 10, 1868, by Rev. U. Sommer. Later they united with the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference, near Dalton, Ohio, of which they are esteemed members. They were life long farmers. To their home in Wayne Co., Ohio, arrived the following children:

#### 1—Albert F. Tschantz, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Orrville, Ohio.

Albert F. began his race of life Mar. 18, 1872. He was baptized by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, and received into the Salem Mennonite Church of the

General Conference, near Dalton, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1888. Aside from a common school education he obtained additional training in Business School in Wadsworth, Ohio. His vocation has been farming. He entered matrimony with Anna Beiver, Dec. 25, 1911. No children issued from this union.

2—Elma E. Tschantz, Moser, Seventh Generation, Chicago, Ill.

Elma E. came on the arena of time Jan. 5, 1874. She was baptized and received into the same church by the same minister as her brother Albert was. She attended district and high school and obtained a teacher's license, and then taught two terms of summer and two terms of winter school. She married Daniel A. Moser May 24, 1896, Rev. Joel Lehman officiating. He was born Mar. 21, 1872, and baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, Apr. 12, 1895, by Rev. J. L. He attended Mount Union College in Ohio, and then taught school four winter terms. For a number of years he clerked in a clothing store, later, about 1905, he owned a clothing store in Massillon, Ohio, and did a good business. At present they live in Chicago, 6215 Langley Ave., where he is a real estate broker. They are the parents of:

a—Ruth M. Moser (Mrs. Rev. Simmons), Eighth Generation, Chicago, Ill.

Ruth M. entered this life at Dalton, Ohio, Dec. 3, 1899. She obtained a good education, graduating at North Western University, Evanston, Ill., with a degree of Bachelor of Science in 1922, also of the School of Speech at this place in 1923. She was baptized when a young woman and is now a member of the M. E. Church, at Evanston, Ill. She was united in marriage with Henry A. Simmons, Aug. 14, 1923. He was born in Wellsboro, Pa., Sept. 2, 1898. He is now an ordained minister in the M. E. Church. He graduated from the Wesleyan University, Middleton, Conn., and of Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill. He is now, Apr., 1926, doing Ph. D. work at the University of Chicago, Ill., and preaches in the N. W. Indiana Conference of the M. E. Church.

3—Clara A. Tschantz Seventh Generation.

Clara A. was born Apr. 24, 1878, and was translated to heaven Nov. 24, 1881.

4—Lillian L. Tschantz, Hofstetter, Seventh Generation, Farmers.

Lillian L. came to this world Sept. 24, 1881. She was baptized by Rev. Joel Lehman and received into the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference Sept. 16, 1897. She entered nuptial relations with

Wilson D. Hofstetter, Nov. 25, 1902. Rev. A. Sommer officiating. He was born Nov. 13, 1881, and was baptized and received into the same church, Mar. 13, 1899. Farming has been their vocation. Both have a fair education. To their home circle were added:

Eighth Generation

a—Agnes, Feb. 25, 1905.
b—Orran, Sept. 28, 1909.
c—Vida, June 21, 1911.
d—Ralph, July 12, 1915.
e—Ward, Aug. 14, 1916.

**II—Daniel H. Tschantz, Sixth Generation, 1847-1925, Farmer.**

Daniel H. entered life Oct. 1, 1847. He had a common school education. He and his wife received baptism and reception into the Old Mennonite Church by C. Sommer Apr. 10, 1868. He took to wife, Katharina Gerber Oct. 22, 1874. She entered this life Aug. 24, 1848. She died Dec. 23, 1922 He was an honored member in the church to the last. He died suddenly of apoplexy while sitting in a chair Nov. 9, 1925. Besides district school he attended the "Bildungs-Anstalt" at Wadsworth, Ohio, for one year. He was a successful farmer.. They had no children.

**III—Barbara L. Tschantz, Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio.**

Barbara L. entered the path of life Jan. 7, 1851. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Apr. 23, 1869. She married John L. Amstutz, Oct. 24, 1872. For further history of her family look under John L. Amstutz, Book II, Section II, Chapter II, Capital Letter A. Both are descendants of the Ulrich Welty trunk of the Welty History.

**IV—Elizabeth Tschantz, Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.**

Elizabeth entered upon the scene of action Nov. 20, 1852. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Apr. 14, 1872, by Rev. C. Sommer. She married Abraham Amstutz, Oct. 22, 1874. For further history of her family look under Abraham Amstutz, in Book II, Section II, Chapter II, Capital Letter B. Both are descendants of Ulrich Welty.

**V—John H. Tschantz, Sixth Generation, Farmer, President of Fire Insurance Company, Dalton, Ohio.**

John H. was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 4, 1854. By baptism he joined the Mennonite Church, Apr. 14, 1876, C. Sommer, pastor. In 1886 he joined the General Conference Mennonite Church as a charter member. He united in marriage with Lydia Steiner Oct. 1, 1878, Rev. S. officiating. She was born in Putnam Co., Ohio. Nov. 30, 1857, and was received by baptism into the Mennonite Church Apr. 11, 1873. She died

of blood poison Jan. 9, 1888. For the history of his second wife and his children with her, see Book I, Section IV, Chapter I, Capital Letter G, Lizzie Geiger.

John, besides district school, attended one year "The Bildungs-Anstalt" at Wadsworth, Ohio. He also attended the Smithville high school and Wooster University. He taught school for six years, has farmed for 45 years; jointly with this work, he has been engaged in other important temporal activities and also church work. He has been president of the Sonnenberg Fire and Lightning Insurance Association for 36 years and has just been re-elected to this position for another three-year term, Jan. 19, 1926. Under his supervision this company has grown from a very small incorporated company to an association of over 4,000 members, covering risks of over $19,000,000.00. He has also been a director of the First National Bank of Dalton, Ohio, for 14 years, and was its first vice-president. He was a church trustee for 16 years, S. S. superintendent 19 years, S. S. teacher 19 years, and trustee and treasurer of the Central, now Bluffton College of his denomination, at Bluffton, Ohio, for 12 years. He is very much interested in the welfare of his church near Dalton, Ohio, and in the denominational life of the General Conference Mennonite Church. He is a highly esteemed citizen of Wayne Co., Ohio, beloved in the church, possessed with tactfulness and administrative ability and integrity, hence the trusts that the church and his county committed to him for many years. His counsel in temporal and church affairs is much sought. He has made a fine success of his life. To this union were born:

1—W. Irving Tschantz, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.

W. Irving was born July 17, 1879, Dalton, Ohio. He has a good common school education. By baptism on Apr. 12, 1895, he was initiated into the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference, near Dalton, Ohio. Farming is his pursuit in life. He entered matrimony with Dessie Rudy, Jan. 19, 1905. She entered this life May 12, 1882. They are now with their children members of the United Presbyterian Church in Dalton, Ohio, which she joined in 1895. They are all active workers in all the church auxiliaries. To the parents were born at Dalton, Ohio:

a—Clair D. Tschantz, Eighth Generation, Farmer, Dalton, Ohio.

Clair D. entered this life Mar. 16, 1906. He has a good education. He assists his father in farming. By baptism, in Apr., 1915, he became a member of his parents' church.

b—Florence E. Tschantz, Eighth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Florence E. came into being Feb. 23, 1908. She is now a senior in the Dalton high school. She was baptized and admitted to her parents' church in Apr., 1915.

c—J. Kenneth Tschantz, Eighth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

J. Kenneth entered the path of life July 15, 1911. He was baptized Feb., 1921. He is now in the first year of high school.

d—Marion D. Tschantz, Eighth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Marion D. entered the arena of life Mar. 3, 1921.

2—Olive M. Tschantz, Gerber, Seventh Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Olive M. was born Nov. 25, 1882. She was initiated into the Salem Church of the General Conference by baptism by Rev. J. Lehman, Sept. 16, 1897. Besides graded school she attended the Central Mennonite College, Bluffton, Ohio, one year. She married Reuben S. Gerber Nov. 1, 1906, of Wayne Co., Ohio, Rev. A. A. Sommer officiating. He was born Mar. 1, 1876, and baptized by Rev. J. Lehman Nov. 20, 1891. For a number of years he farmed but is now a successful veterinary surgeon. They live in Dalton, Ohio. They have no children.

3—Dora C. Tschantz, Bixler, Seventh Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Dora C. entered life's pathway Apr. 1, 1885. She was admitted to the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference by baptism, Apr. 13, 1900, by Rev. J. Lehman. Besides attending rural school she attended one year the Central Mennonite College, Bluffton, Ohio. She was married to David W. Bixler Sept. 4, 1912, Rev. Prieheim officiating. He was born Mar. 8, 1886. He is a high school graduate and also took a business course at Massillon, Ohio. At the time of their marriage he was instructor in the commercial branches of Bluffton College. He has been for some years, assistant cashier of the Commercial Bank of Bluffton, Ohio. They are both active workers in their church and S. S. of this place. To them were born in Bluffton, Ohio:

a—Roland, Nov. 17, 1913, Eighth Generation.

b—Mareen, June 19, 1917, Eighth Generation.

4—Amos A. Tschantz, Seventh Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Amos A. began the race of life Dec. 31, 1887. He received admission by baptism to the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference, Nov. 8, 1903, by Rev. A. A. Sommer. He was united in marriage with

Minnie Santmyer, Apr. 8, 1909. She was born Mar. 12, 1891, and baptized by Rev. Hoak of the M. E. Church. She united with his church. They are comfortably located on a farm. Amos had a twin sister, Lizzie E., who died Jan. 13, 1891. To their domicile came:

a—Mildred M. Tschantz, Eighth Generation.

Mildred M. was born Feb. 25, 1911, and baptized Apr. 13, 1924, by Rev. A. R. Keiser. She is now attending Dalton high school.

Eighth Generation

b—Marie S., Mar. 3, 1914.
c—Stanley I., July 17, 1916.
d—Lucile S., Nov. 20, 1918.
e—Eveline M., July 6, 1921.
f—John Harold, Feb. 25, 1925.

VI—Anna Tschantz, Sixth Generation.

Anna was born Mar. 18, 1857, and died 10 days later.

VII—Caroline Tschantz, Sprunger, Sixth Generation, Berne, Ind.

Caroline commenced her earthly life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 10, 1859. She received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church, on Sonnenberg, Ohio, in 1877. She married David C. Sprunger of Berne, Ind., Apr. 9, 1895, where he was born Apr. 3, 1857. He received baptism and reception into the Berne Mennonite Church in 1875. Both have a common school education, and are esteemed members in the church, exerting an excellent influence over their acquaintances in and out of the church. Both have consecrated time and talents to church and S. S. work. They have lived on their farm one mile south of Berne until a few years ago when they moved into Berne, where they expect to dwell to their end. The Lord blessed them temporally and spiritually. To this union were born on their farm:

1—Milton F. Sprunger, Seventh Generation, Buda, Ill., Teacher.

Milton arrived on the path of life Jan. 25, 1897. He was baptized and taken into the First Mennonite Church, Berne, Ind., May 25, 1911, by J. W. Kliewer. May, 1915, he graduated from the Berne high school. And June, 1920, he graduated from Bluffton College, Ohio. Since 1920 he has been teaching at Buda township high school, Buda, Ill., four years as coach and history teacher, and now the principal of the school. This marks progress and satisfactory work. He united in marriage with Florence McKenna, July 22, 1923. She was born in St. Louis, Mo. When an infant she was baptized and later received membership in the Presby-

terian Church, where she still holds her church relation, and he at Berne, Ind. Into their home has come:

a—Bonnie Carolyn, Mar. 18, 1925, Eighth Generation.

2—Alieda S. Sprunger, Schindler, Seventh Generation, Berne, Ind.

Alieda S. entered life Nov. 4, 1899, in Wabash Tp., Adams Co., Ind. She graduated from the common school in 1914, and from the Berne high school May 24, 1918. She received baptism and reception into the First Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., Aug. 30, 1914, by Rev. P. R. Schroeder. She married John W. Schindler, Berne, Ind., in 1920, at Decatur, Ind., by Rev. Stolte. He was born Feb. 3, 1901. He is employed in the American Milk Co. To them were born:

a—Hallman Wayne, Dec. 6, 1920, Eighth Generation.

b—Ted Kenyon, Jan. 1, 1922, Eighth Generation.

c—Vaughn Benton, Mar. 20, 1925, Eighth Generation.

3—Leslie E. Sprunger, Sixth Generation, Chicago, Ill.

Leslie E. came into being Feb. 26, 1901. He was baptized and received into the First Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., July 25, 1915, by Rev. P. R. Schroeder. He graduated from the Berne high school in May, 1919. Then he attended one year the Bluffton College, Ohio. Then he clerked one year. But being desirous for specializing in art he started in 1923 to attend the Art Institute in Chicago, Ill., and since 1925 is employed in the designing department of Ludlow Typograph Co., Chicago. He was married to Alice Blanche Basford on Thanksgiving Day, 1926.

VIII—Sarah A. Tschantz, Badertscher, Sixth Generation, 1865-1903.

Sarah A. was born Nov. 2, 1865. Rev. J. Nussbaum baptized and received her into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Apr. 3, 1885. She was united in marriage to John Badertscher Jan. 1, 1902, by Rev. A. A. Sommer. She passed away May 5, 1903. He was born Mar. 27, 1867, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. After coming to America, settling in Wayne Co., Ohio, he was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Apr. 7, 1882, by Rev. C. Sommer. He has been quite a church and S. S. worker, was made elder in the church and assistant S. S. Supt. To them was born:

1—Milton, May 1, 1903, Seventh Generation.

IX—William P. Tschantz, Sixth Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio.

William P. began the shifting scenes of life Aug. 27, 1867. The ordinance of baptism was administered upon him by Rev. S. F. Sprunger Dec.

1, 1886, and was also received into the Salem Mennonite Church of the General Conference near Dalton, Ohio. He united in marriage with Eliza Nussbaum, Dec. 29, 1892, Rev. J. Lehman officiating. (For her history see Chapter III, Anna Welty Nussbaum, of this book, under caption Solomon Nussbaum.) He is a farmer and a respected citizen and an honored member of his church. The following children were born near Apple Creek, O.:

**1—Elrena E. Tschantz (Mrs. Rev. Keiser), Seventh Generation, Dalton, O.**

Elrena E. began her life May 20, 1895. She was baptized Oct. 31, 1909, by Rev. A. A. Sommer, and joined her parents' church. She is a graduate from high school. Then she took a year of training in the Bluffton College, Ohio. Then she taught country school for two years, after this she resumed her work in Bluffton College, graduating with an A. B. degree in 1919. Then she again taught two years in a high school. She entered matrimony with Rev. Austin R. Keiser June 18, 1921. He was born Feb. 22, 1897, at Milford Square, Pa. He received his B. D. degree at Witmarsum Theological Seminary May 25, 1923. Since Sept. of this year he has been pastor of Salem Mennonite Church, near Dalton, Ohio. In addition he teaches part time in the Dalton high school. They are the parents of:

a—Marjorie Marie, July 1, 1922, Eighth Generation.

**2—Milton Willis Tschantz, Seventh Generation.**

Milton W. entered this life Nov. 16, 1897. He received the rite of baptism by Rev. S. P. Prieheim, and admission into the parental church June 22, 1913. After graduating from high school he worked on his father's farm a few years. In Feb., 1924, he entered Bluffton College, Ohio, and graduated with an A. B. degree in June, 1926. He is highly esteemed in his home church, which elected him to the superintendency of the S. S. for two consecutive years, and presidency of the C. E. Society for two years. Before him lies a bright and useful future.

**3—Martha Tschantz, Seventh Generation.**

Martha was born Sept. 16, 1899, and departed two days alter.

**4—Sylvan Tschantz, Seventh Generation.**

Sylvan was born Sept 29, 1900, and passed on to heaven June 9, 1902.

**5—Menno Tschantz, Seventh Generation.**

Menno was born Oct. 3, 1902, and went to glory two days later.

### 6—Alvin Clayton Tschantz, Seventh Generation.

Alvin C. began his life Jan. 21, 1906. He graduated from the Paint Tp. high school in 1924. Is now aiding father on the farm. He was baptized and received into his parents' church by Rev. M. A. Niswander Oct., 1920.

### B—Jacob Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1827-1906.

Jacob entered the arena of life in Wayne county Ohio, Jan. 31, 1827. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church in his native county by Rev. P. Schneck Apr. 5, 1844. On May 18, 1854, he entered married life with Elizabeth J. Gerber, Rev. U. Sommer officiating. She was born Nov. 14, 1831, and baptized and admitted into this church when a young woman, by the same Rev. Their union was not blessed with children, but they raised five orphans, one Mary Fiechter, and four of his brother John's motherless children. Both were great benefactors. Always ready to help those in need. They gave aid to the support of the "Geo. Mueller Orphanage" for many years. They also took a deep interest in mission work. Thus they proved their Christianity, and were highly respected members in the church and esteemed neighbors in their large community. They were permitted to celebrate their golden wedding May 18, 1904. He passed into realms above resulting from a complication of diseases, Sunday morning, Nov. 11, 1906, and she followed him Jan. 6, 1918, age 86 years, 2 months and 22 days.

### C—Elizabeth Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1828-1886.

Elizabeth was born Aug. 3, 1828, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church by Rev. P. Schneck Apr. 5, 1844. She remained unmarried, and acquitted herself faithful to her faith and to God until her death on Apr. 25, 1886. It was reported that "many were her noble deeds to the needy ones and her departure was a loss to them." "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

### D—David D. Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1830-1904.

David D. began the trials of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, June 18, 1830. His baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church took place Apr. 21, 1848, by Rev. P. Schneck. On Oct. 6, 1855, Rev. U. Sommer united him in marriage with Elizabeth Gerber, a distant relative. (For her birth, etc., see Book II, Section VII, under caption Verena Welty, Gerber.) He was a respected member of his church until his death Oct. 18, 1904, resulting from epileptic fits and dropsy. He was a great sufferer, but patiently

endured it to the end. His occupation was farming. Their children were all born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

**I—Christian D. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Apple Creek, O.:**

Christian D. came to this world, Sept. 18, 1856. Baptism was administered upon him by Rev. C. Sommer, Apr. 14, 1876, when he, too, was admitted into the Mennonite Church. He entered married life with Barbara Welty, daughter of "Hans" Welty, Dec. 10, 1885, Rev. J. Nussbaum officiating. She was born Dec. 9, 1863, in Wayne Co., Ohio, and baptized and received into the same church he was, and by the same Rev., Apr. 7, 1882. Her thread of life was cut by death, Apr., 1887, caused by blood poison. After his wife's death he returned to his parents and took charge of their farm, managing it since then. To them was born:

**1—Albert A. Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Apple Creek, O.:**

Albert A. began his journey of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 6, 1887. He has received a common school education. When a young man he was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church. He is farming. He was married to Martha Falb Nov. 25, 1919. She was born at Eaton, Ohio, May 27, 1894. To them is born:

a—Esther L., Nov. 11, 1924, Eighth Generation.

**II—Barbara Baumgartner, Lehman, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Apple Creek, Ohio.**

Barbara entered this life July 29, 1859. On Apr. 14, 1876, she was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. C. Sommer. Nov. 17, 1881, she was united in marriage with Peter A. Lehman. He was born Jan. 12, 1845; and was baptized and admitted as a member of the Mennonite Church by the same Rev., Mar. 25, 1864. He farms. They enjoy the good-will and confidence of their church people, live devoted to their faith. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

**1—Reuben R. Lehman, Seventh Generation, Farmer.**

Reuben R. commenced his earthly career Aug. 13, 1882. He was baptized and admitted into church fellowship of the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nussbaum, Apr. 15, 1900. He is a farmer. He has obtained a good education. He was married to Anna B. Hofstetter Nov. 31, 1907. She was born at Dalton, Ohio, May 6, 1880. She passed into eternity Dec. 36, 1921. To this union were born:

Eighth Generation

a—Cora A., Apr. 1, 1909.
b—Esther E., Feb. 18, 1911.
c—Frieda K., Oct. 11, 1913.
d—Calvin R., Dec. 30, 1915.

2—Ella M. Lehman, Nussbaum, Seventh Generation, 1885-1921.

Ella M. was initiated to this life Aug. 28, 1885. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nussbaum, Apr. 10, 1903. She attended district school. She united in marriage with Amos Nussbaum Nov. 11, 1909. He was born Nov. 31, 1887, near Berne, Ind. He is a farmer. She died Oct. 27, 1921, of typhoid fever. Into their family circle came:

Eighth Generation

a—Elma B., Feb. 18, 1911.
b—Lila E., May 1, 1912.
c—Gilbert A., July 3, 1914.
d—Laura R., Jan. 19, 1916.
e—Clarence R., July 25, 1918.
f—Rosa E., May 18, 1921.

3—Levina A. Lehman, Seventh Generation, Housework.

Levina A. entered the path of life Jan. 28, 1889. She was baptized and admitted into her parents' church by J. Nussbaum Mar. 29, 1907. She has a common education. She is still single.

4—Waldo E. Lehman, Seventh Generation.

Waldo E. appeared in time, Dec. 20, 1893. He has a fair education. He was united in marriage to Ruth E. Sommer. She was born at Dalton, Ohio, July 7, 1901. No church relation was given. To them were born:

a—Orel K., Mar. 12, 1923, Eighth Generation.
b—Esther S., Mar. 20, 1924, Eighth Generation.

5—Sarah A. Lehman, Gerber, Seventh Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.

Sarah A. began her career in life Nov. 27, 1896. She obtained a good education. She married Aldis A. Gerber. He was born June 24, 1890, at Dalton, Ohio. He is a farmer. Their children are:

a—Orus D., Feb. 26, 1919, Eighth Generation.
b—Herman C., Aug. 7, 1920, Eighth Generation.
c—Ella B., Jan. 14, 1922, Eighth Generation.

6—Anna E. Lehman, Gerber, Seventh Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.

Anna E. made her debut in life Nov. 17, 1898. She has a fair education. She married Ivan G. Gerber, Sept. 16, 1922, who was born Sept. 22, 1899, at Dalton, Ohio. He is farming. Their children are:

a—Margaret J. Jan. 10, 1924, Eighth Generation.
b—Clinton J., Oct. 17, 1925, Eighth Generation.

III—Mary Baumgartner, Welty, Sixth Generation, 1861-96.

Mary was born Oct. 17, 1861. She received baptism and reception into her parents' church by Rev. C. Sommer, Mar. 26, 1880. Her matrimony with Benjamin Welty began Dec. 10, 1885. Rev. J. Nussbaum tied the nuptial knot. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, July 7, 1862, and baptized and admitted into his church Apr. 7, 1882. Pneumonia ended her life Jan. 15, 1896. A son was born to them, namely:

1—David Welty, Seventh Generation.

David began his life Nov. 26, 1891. He obtained a good education. No church relation given. He married Susan Gerber, Nov. 26, 1916. She was born at Dalton, Ohio, Apr. 25, 1896. To their home came:

a—Denver L., Dec. 20, 1922, Eighth Generation.

IV—Fanny Baumgartner, Sixth Generation.

Fanny started on her pathway Feb. 27, 1865. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nussbaum Apr. 11, 1884. She obtained a fair education, and chose a single life. She is faithful to her church, living consistently with her profession. She has been a strong support to her parents.

V—Anna E. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Housework.

Anna E. entered life's pathway June 18, 1868. Baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church was experienced Apr. 23, 1886, Rev. J. N. officiating. She, too, has chosen the single path of life. She attended district school. She is loyal to her church, and gave her parents a daughter's care.

E—John B. Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1833-1872, Farmer.

John B. entered this world in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 2, 1833. He was baptized and received into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Mar. 25, 1853, by Rev. U. Sommer. He was married to Katharina Gerber May 9, 1861, Rev. S. officiating. She entered this life Nov. 23, 1833, and was baptized and admitted into the aforesaid church by Rev. P. Schneck. She died Nov. 7, 1867. He was a farmer. He departed this life June 18, 1872. Both were highly respected church members. To this union were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

I—Caroline Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, 1862-1922.

Caroline began her voyage of life Mar. 19, 1862. Baptism and church membership was accorded her in the Mennonite Church Mar. 26, 1880, by

Rev. C. Sommer. Later she transferred to Salem M. Church of the Gen. Conf. She was a faithful church member, graced her life with uprightness and loyalty, supported her foster parents in her years of maturity. She was summoned to realms above Feb. 4, 1922.

### II—Rosina Baumgartner, Kirchhofer, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.

Rosina entered life's pathway June 17, 1863. The ordinance of baptism and membership into the Mennonite Church was accorded her as a young woman, by Rev. C. Sommer. Later she transferred to the Salem M. Church of the General Conference. She married Daniel Kirchhofer Aug. 9, 1896. Rev. J. Lehman tied the nuptial knot. He was born in Wayne Co, Ohio; Apr. 15, 1860, and baptized and admitted to the same church she was June 1, 1884, by Rev. C. Krehbiel. He attended the "Fort bildungs-Schule" at Halstead, Kans. Farming is their vocation. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio, where all obtained a graded school training.

#### 1—Roy M. Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation.

Roy M. was born June 19, 1897. No further report.

#### 2—Estella M. Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation.

Estella M. entered this life May 20, 1898. No further report.

#### 3—Dora E. Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation.

Dora E. was born July 12, 1899. No further report.

#### 4—Delvin C. Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation.

Delvin C. entered the journey of life May 31, 1901. No further report.

### III—Sarah Baumgartner, Sixth Generation.

Sarah was initiated to this life Oct. 12, 1864. Her baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church took place Mar. 23, 1883, by Rev. C. Sommer. She has been a faithful member of her church through life. She never married.

### IV—Daniel W. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Versailles, Mo.

Daniel W. began the conflicts of life June 30, 1866. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Apr. 13, 1886, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. For further history of himself, his wife and children, see Book I, Section I, Chapter I, Letter A, Caroline Basinger.

V—Elizabeth L. Baumgartner, Basinger, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Elizabeth L. entered the trials of life Oct. 22, 1867. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church Apr. 23, 1886, in Wayne Co., Ohio, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. For her family history, see Book 1, Section I, Chapter I, Letter A, Elias A. Basinger.

F—Abraham D. Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1835-1903.

Abraham D. began his earthly pilgrimage Mar. 22, 1835, in Wayne Co., Ohio. While crossing a railroad track, he met a tragic death, Dec. 5, 1903, in Harvey Co, Kans. He married Barbara Gerber of Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, Apr. 6, 1865, Rev. C. Sommer officiating. She was born Feb. 13, 1847, in Wayne Co., Ohio. He was baptized and admitted into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Mar. 25, 1853, and she Apr. 3, 1863, by Rev. U. Sommer. They were always highly esteemed, as members of the church and as citizens where they lived. He had various church trusts committed to him which he faithfully discharged. He was repeatedly sent as delegate to the conference of the General Conference branch of the Mennonite Church. For 12 years he was a director of the Bethel College at Newton, Kans. For many years he also served on the Public School Board, and by his untiring efforts helped to build up the best school in Harvey Co., Kans. Though he was not an educated man, he nevertheless engaged his powers to promote education. This fact is now bearing much fruit in his large family of sons and daughters who, imbued with father's spirit, are utilizing their time and strength in promoting education as you will observe in their history. This desire to give the coming generations better school advantages than he had is evidenced by sending eight of his children to Bethel College. He was politically a strong Republican, and took an active part in civic affairs. From his fifteenth to his thirtieth year he was a practical shoemaker. After that he followed farming until his death. In 1869 he moved with his family from Wayne Co., Ohio, to Missouri, and to Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans., Mar., 1884. She passed to her heavenly reward Mar. 15, 1906, on the home place. She was a noble Christian mother and left an indelible impress on the memory of her children. From this union issued the following children:

I—II—Simon P. and Peter Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Newton, Kansas.

Simon and Peter (twins) were born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 6, 1866. Peter died the same day. Simon grew up and received a district school

education. With his parents he moved to Missouri and Kansas. He was baptized and received into his parents' church when a young man, and has remained faithful to the church since. He was united in marriage with Salome Gerber, Hoffstetter, of Morgan Co., Mo., Dec. 20, 1900, by Rev. M. S. Moyer. He is a practical and successful farmer. She was born July 6, 1863, and baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church Mar. 25, 1882, by Rev. C. Sommer. No children have come to them.

III—John H. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Halstead, Kans.

John H. entered the activities of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 15, 1868. In March, 1884, he moved with his parents to Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans. Here he enjoyed fair school privileges. For a bosom companion he married Bertha Fendrick, Oct., 1898, the wedding was solemnized by Rev. J. S. Miller, of the Evangelical Association, of which both are honored members. His official positions in the church were S. S. Supt., trustee and at present a steward. He has been treasurer of the School Board for the last eight years. He is a successful farmer on the home place. All their children were born at this place, and here joined the Zion Evangelical Church:

1—Clarence Willard Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Farmer, Newton, Kansas.

Clarence W. was initiated to this life Sept. 28, 1899. He attended Halstead high school two and one-half years. He was married to Elsie Malzen of Newton, Kans., Aug. 17, 1925, and are living on a farm here. He was baptized by Rev. J. S. Miller, Halstead, Kans.

2—Ruth Pauline Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Student.

Ruth P. entered this life Feb. 5, 1901. She graduated from the Halstead high school in 1921. She is now attending Teachers' College at Emporia, Kans. She was baptized by Rev. J. S. Miller.

3—Leeta Barbara Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Newton, Kans.

Leeta B. entered life's pathway Dec. 14, 1903. She graduated from Halstead high school in 1923. She taught school near Calhan, Colo., in 1924, but is now engaged in housework in Newton, Kans. She was baptized by Rev. J. S. Miller.

4—Milton Edwin Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Farmer.

Milton E. began his life Jan. 28, 1906. He was baptized in the Zion Evangelical Church of Halstead by Rev. Rodewald. Graduated from Halstead high school in 1924. Is now farming.

5—Erma Elizabeth Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Erma began her earthly mission Feb. 20, 1909. She was baptized in the same church and by the same Rev. as her brother Milton. She is now a sophomore in Halstead high school.

6—Wilma Irene Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Wilma I. came to this world Nov. 8, 1912. She was baptized in Zion Ev. Church by Rev. H. Wiens. She is in the 8th grade in the rural school.

7—Lauren John Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Lauren J. was born Oct. 17, 1918, and is now in rural school.

IV—Albert E. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation.

Albert's brief life began Mar. 8, 1870, in Morgan Co., Mo., and closed Nov. 1, 1871.

V—Prof. Wm. J. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Lawrence, Kans.

Wm. J. entered the vicissitudes of life in Morgan Co., Mo., May 14, 1871. In March, 1884, he, with his parents, located near Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans. In 1896 he received the rite of baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church, Halstead, Kans., remaining a worthy member thereof



Prof. Wm. J. Baumgartner and Family.

until the spring of 1909, when he transferred his membership to the First Presbyterian Church in Lawrence, Kans., where he resides. He has been a trustee of the church eight years, elder now one year, S. S. Supt. seven years, and for many years a S. S. teacher. The voyage of matrimony with Olga E. Leisy of Wisner, Nebraska, commenced Dec. 19, 1900. She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1877, and was educated in the Wisner high school, Nebr., and at Bethel College in Newton, Kans., where she graduated in 1897.

After obtaining a liberal education at home, he taught school successfully for seven years. He studied in the following educational institutions: Halstead Seminary, two years; Bethel College of the Mennonite Church, one year; the Salina Normal, one term; University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kans., three years, where he graduated in 1900, and also served one year here as a teacher; and three years at University of Chicago, obtaining his A. B. degree; and his A. M. degree in 1901 at the University of Kans. He has now taught school 38 years in Kans., for the major part of this time, in the University. He has been Associate Prof. of Zoology in the University of Kansas for a score of years. He was a fellow for two years in this University up to 1904, and has since received his degree of Ph. D. He is eminently qualified for his position. He is highly esteemed among the University instructors and his work is much appreciated by them and the University directors. During his college days he was elected to the honorary literary fraternity "Phi Beta Kappa", and the Honorary Scientific Society "Sigma Xi". In 1906 he was a member of the following scientific societies: The Kansas Academy of Science; The American Association for the Advancement of Science; The American Association of Anatomists; The Central Branch of the American Zoologists. He has published the following treatise: "The Spermatid Transformation in Gryllus Assimiles with special reference to the Nebenkern, in Science Bulletin University of Kansas". "Some New Evidences for the Individuality of Chromosomoes" in Biological Bulletin Woodshall. He has made eight trips to Puget Sound for seaside study of animal life.

He lived in Missouri from 1871-84; Kansas, 1884-1901; Chicago, Ill., 1901-04 and Lawrence, Kansas, 1904 to date (1925).

They are the happy parents of one daughter:

**1—Leona Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Teacher.**

Leona entered the activities in life Aug. 18, 1902, in Chicago, Ill. She took advantage of her splendid educational opportunities and has obtained

her A. B. degree in 1923, and M. A. degree in 1925, from the University of Kansas. She is now teaching biology in the Junior College of Kansas City, Mo. She is also publishing treatise in Bacteriology Journals concerning her investigations carried on last year. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; the Literary Honor Society of American Colleges and Universities and also Sigma Xi Society; the Scientific Honor Society of the same Institution. She is now province president of Pi Beta Phi, her social Sorority.

### VI—Caroline M. Baumgartner, Hahn, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Halstead, Kansas.

Caroline M. began her voyage of life in Morgan Co., Mo., Nov. 1, 1872. In 1884 with her parents she moved to Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans, where she grew to womanhood and became a member of the Mennonite Church of the General Conference. She was baptized when a young woman. She has endeavored to let her life shine for the church and her Lord. She was united in marriage with August Hahn, of Harvey Co., Kans., Mar., 1901, by Rev. C. Krehbiel. She received a good education. He was born in Summerfield, Ill., Jan. 10, 1875. They are farming. They are held in high esteem as members of the church and as citizens. Their children were born near Halstead, Kans.:

#### 1—Helen Barbara Hahn, Nachtigal, Seventh Generation, Halstead, Kans.

Helen B. came into this life May 10, 1904. She graduated from the Halstead high school May, 1922. She was baptized and admitted into the First Mennonite Church in Halstead, May, 1921. She married John Nachtigal, June 1, 1924. He works in a wholesale produce house in Halstead. To them was born here:

a—Barbara Helen, June 23, 1925, Eighth Generation.

#### 2—Elsie Hahn, Seventh Generation.

Elsie entered life Oct. 16, 1907, and passed out Nov. 21, same year.

#### 3—Albert Gustave Hahn, Seventh Generation.

Albert G. entered the stage of life Nov. 23, 1909. He was baptized and received into the First Mennonite Church in Halstead, Mar. 9, 1924. He is now a Junior in the Halstead high school.

#### 4—Edwin Carl Hahn, Seventh Generation.

Edwin C. found a welcome to this life June 2, 1911. He was baptized and admitted into fellowship of the First Mennonite Church in Halstead, Mar. 8, 1925. He is a Freshman in the Halstead high school.

### 5—Martha Jane Hahn, Seventh Generation.

Martha J. came to this world Mar. 18, 1915. She is in the fifth grade in school.

### VII—Prof. Milton D. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Indianapolis, Ind.

Prof. Milton D. began the activities of life in Morgan Co., Mo., Jan. 4, 1874. From here he moved with his parents, in 1884, to Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans. Here in young manhood he was baptized and became a member of the First Mennonite Church of the General Conference. Aside from common school, he attended Bethel College, Newton, Kans., for three years; the University of Kansas for three years, and the University of Chicago, three years. Previously he taught in the public schools for four years, and one term in the Halstead Gemeinde-Schule. In 1902 he received his A. B. degree, University of Kansas, and in 1903 his A. M. degree, although he finished his graduate courses at the University of Chicago in 1908, he did not graduate until 1913, when he received his Ph. D. degree with Cum Laude honors. While a graduate student at the University of Chicago he was Fellow in German four quarters, and for one year was president of the Fellow's Club, and one year of the Germanic Club. He began his Academic teaching in 1905, when he substituted for the spring quarter at Butler College, Indianapolis, Ind. In 1905-06 he was acting assistant professor of the University of Missouri. During the spring and summer quarters of 1907, he was acting professor of German at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. In 1908 he accepted a call to the University of Nebraska, where he remained until 1914, holding the rank, first of instructor, then of adjunct professor, and finally assistant professor of Germanica. In 1914 he accepted a call to Butler College, Indianapolis, Indiana, as Armstrong professor of Germanic languages, which position he still holds (1925). In addition to his duties as instructor for the past four years he has also served as secretary of the faculty and librarian. He is a member of the honorary fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi; a member of the American Association of University Professors; The Modern Language Association of America and the Modern Language Teachers' Association.

On Sept. 1, 1908, he entered married life with Sarah D. Hill, of Richmond, Ind., with Rev. Samuel H. Baumgartner officiating. At this wedding, the sun, in the western horizon, was majestically creeping down below an almost cloudless sky, beautifully tinged in golden colors; and over the bridal place hung in canopy a silvery rain cloud, as the bridal party emerged from the bride's parental home, preceded by a nicely clad flower girl, the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march pealed

forth. Slowly they walked over the closely trimmed grassy plat to a beautiful shade tree, where the officiating minister and invited guests, were awaiting them. As the wedding ritual was colemnly read, and the marriage vows were being taken, the departing sun sent his rays of consent, peace and kisses upon the bride and bridegroom, and the overhanging cloud dropped a few drops of approval, and heaven's benediction upon the nuptial scene. It was beautiful.

Sarah, his wife, was born Nov. 22, 1882, at Richmond, Ind. She was affiliated with the Quaker Church. After completing the common school she graduated in the Richmond high school in 1898. In 1901 she graduated at Earlham College, at this place, when she received her A. B. degree. From 1903-05, she did graduate work at Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, Pa., where she held a scholarship in Germanics the first year, and a Fellowship in Germanics the second year. During the summer of 1905 she was at the University of Chicago, and during the summer of 1906 she studied in Germany and France. From 1905-08 she was instructor in German and French at Earlham College. In 1923 she again took up teaching with the rank of instructor in German at Butler College, which position she holds at present (1925). To them were born:

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1—Frederick Milton, May 5, 1910, and is now honor student at Shortridge high school.

2—Barbara Lydia, Mar. 15, 1914, making fine progress in school.

VIII—Martha Baumgartner, Sixth Generation.

Martha was born Oct. 21, 1876, and as a flower passed away Dec. 20, 1877.

IX—Bertha I. Baumgartner, Halstead Hospital, Kans., R. Nurse.



Bertha I. Baumgartner, R. N.

Bertha I. came into being in Morgan Co., Mo., Aug. 7, 1878, and with her parents moved to Harvey Co., Kans., in 1884. As a young woman she was baptized and united with the First Mennonite Church of the General Conference in Halstead. She had the privilege of attending Bethel College, Newton, Kans. In March, 1909, she took up the study of nursing at Halstead Hospital, Kansas, and graduated Mar. 28, 1911. She was Supt. of Nurses at Axtel Hospital in Newton, Kansas, from Dec., 1912, to June, 1913; at Augusta Hospital,



Augusta, Kansas, from Sept., 1913, to Dec. 1, 1921; and at the Halstead Hospital since June 1, 1923, and night supervisor at the last named place at different times. She has been president of the Halstead Hospital Alumnae Association continuously since 1914. In 1912 she spent six months in the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, doing post graduate work; and two months in the Grace Hospital, Detroit, Mich., in 1918. She was sent to Detroit as a delegate to the American Nurses' Association from the 4th district of the Kansas Nurses' Association.

In 1908, for pleasure, she traveled three months, Aug. to Nov., in Missouri, Indiana, and Ohio. In 1914, in company with her sisters Jennie and Rachel, she went through Chicago, Detroit, then by steamer to Buffalo and Niagara Falls and across Lake Ontario to Toronto, Canada, and returned. In 1920 (Aug.) she made a trip to Great Falls, Mont., to her sister Rachel, then to Glacier National Park, to Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., and per boat "City of Seattle", from Seattle to Skagway, Alaska, including the American Ports Wrangall, Seward, Juneau, the capital of Alaska, and other smaller ports until reaching Skagway, the port of Klondike fame, a 12 days' cruising. From here per train to White House, 200 miles into the interior. On her return trip she stopped at Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was baptized and initiated into the Mennonite Church of the General Conference at Halstead, Kans., May, 1895. Here she has served nine years as Sunday school teacher.

X—Elizabeth B. Baumgartner, Corfman, Sixth Generation, Newton, Kans.

Elizabeth B entered this life in Morgan Co., Mo., Apr. 9, 1880. She became identified with the Mennonite Church by baptism Apr. 30, 1899, Halstead, Kans., where she graced the church with a consistent Christian life. She had the privilege of attending the Bethel College, Newton, Kans., for three years. She taught school for six years, then the "Gemeinde" School for four years, and again rural school in Butler Co., Kans. In 1904 she attended Baker University, Baldwin, Kans., where she obtained a professional Teacher's certificate for life for the state of Kansas. She entered married life with Thomas A. Corfman, Nov. 26, 1912. He was born Sept., 1882. For some time he farmed, but is now a street car conductor. They have adopted a child:

1—Ellen, Seventh Generation.

XI and XII—Walter C. and Jennie E. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Halstead, Kansas.

Walter C. and Jennie E. were born as twins, in Morgan Co., Mo., Mar.

12, 1882. At the age of 17 years they both were baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Halstead, Kans. Walter had a good practical education. He attended the Bethel College at Newton, Kans., for two years and at the State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kans., one term. Then he took up farming at home and looking after its interests. He was faithful to the trusts committed to him. He was never married. He died Nov., 1918, in the Halstead Hospital.

Jennie remained on the farm with her brother W. keeping house. She is a worthy member of the Mennonite Church to this date. She, too, went two years to the Bethel College, Newton, Kansas, and also taught public school in Harvey Co., Kans., for two years with success. Her main engagement now is housekeeping and pure bred poultry raising. She is a correspondent to the Mennonite Sunday school and a S. S. teacher. She has taken pleasure trips east to Toronto, Canada, by way of Niagara Falls and one trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., and two to Morgan and Moniteau Counties, Mo. She is still single.

### XIII—Rosa E. Baumgartner, Fehr, Sixth Generation, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Rose E. was initiated to this life in Harvey Co., Kans., Apr. 14, 1884. Her school privileges were also good, though she did not graduate from any school. April 30, 1899, she was admitted to the Mennonite Church at Halstead by baptism. She was married to Adam Fehr Jan. 2, 1915, Rev. J. S. Miller, his uncle, officiating. He was born in South Bethlehem, Pa., July 14, 1891. He moved to Halstead, Kans in 1914. He joined the Evangelical Church in Allentown, Pa., in 1906. She joined the Zion Evangelical Church near Halstead, Kansas, in 1908. They moved to Simla, Colorado Jan. 31, 1916, and transferred their membership there, and when they moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 22, 1924, they became members of the Calvary Evangelical Church there. He is a day laborer. They have no children. She was a S. S. teacher of children and young ladies. He is a member of the choir and male chorus, was a farmer before coming to Colorado Springs.

### XIV—David C. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Halstead, Kans., Farmer.

David C. came to this world in Harvey Co., Kans., July 24, 1885. He has a common schooling. He was baptized in May, 1921, when he was admitted into the Mennonite Church at Halstead, Kans. He farmed in partnership with Walter, and is now farming the home place and also engages in stock raising. He is still single, with his sister Jennie keeping

house for him. He attended the National Live Stock Show in Chicago, Ill., in 1901. He made a visit to Morgan and Moniteau Counties, Mo., to relatives, and a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo.

### XV—Dr. Edwin A. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Clifton Springs Sanatorium, New York.



Dr. Edwin A. Baumgartner

Dr. Edwin A. entered the journey of life in Harvey Co., Kans., Feb. 14, 1888. He graduated from the Bethel College, Newton, Kans. In the autumn of 1906 he entered the State University of Kansas at Lawrence, where he distinguished himself as a student, graduating in 1910 with an A. B. and A. M. degrees. Then he attended the University of Minnesota for two years, where he obtained in 1915 his Ph. D. degree. Then he entered the Washington University of St. Louis, Mo., where he received in 1919 his M. D. title. He was a teacher in medical schools from 1912-1919. Practicing physician since 1919 in St. Louis, Mo., and Clifton Springs, N. Y. He resided in Madison, Wisconsin, 1911-12 as teacher in the University in Anatomy; then in Minneapolis, Minn., 1912-14, as teacher in the University in Anatomy; then in St. Louis, Mo, 1914; 1919 as teacher in the University in Anatomy, as physician in St. Louis from 1920-21, and Clifton Springs, N. Y., since 1921. In the World War he was in training as S. A. T. C., St. Louis, Mo., rank Hospital Assistant, 1st Class, in Navy Branch. He was not overseas. He received his discharge Dec., 1918, at St. Louis, Mo. He was married Aug. 31, 1914, to Myrtle Wells at King, Ontario, Canada. She was a student at the University of Minnesota, and Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C, 1913-14; teacher in zoology in St. Louis, Washington University, 1915-17. He is a member of the Sigma Phi, Fellow American College Physician. He wrote articles on goitre, cancer of lungs, nephritis, intestinal parasites, tropical sprue, etc.

XVI—Rachel A. Baumgartner, Barnjum, Richmond, Va., Box 1698.

Rachel A. entered the arena of life in Harvey Co., Kans., Nov. 18, 1889. She united with the Mennonite Church at Halstead through baptism Aug. 26, 1907. She attended Bethel College, Newton, Kans., one year, 1905-6. Then she attended the Lawrence high school, from which she graduated in 1908, and from the Kansas State University in 1912, and obtained her Master's degree from the I. O. U. in 1916. She entered matrimony with Harold F. G. Barnjum, June 10, 1922. He was born June 19, 1880, at Montreal, Canada. He obtained his education in the Montreal schools. He is a civil engineer. He united with the Episcopalian Church in 1912. She also now belongs to his church. While she was teaching in Davenport, Iowa, in 1916-18, she was Sen. sponsor for the Junior C. E. in the Presbyterian Church. At Great Falls, Montana, 1919-22, she taught a class in the S. S. They now live in Richmond, Va.

G—Peter D. Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1836-1924.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Baumgartner

Peter D. was born Dec. 11, 1836. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. U. Sommer, Mar. 21, 1856. On Oct. 8, 1863 he was united in marriage to Barbara A. Lehman, Rev. S. officiating. She was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 4, 1843, and baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 29, 1861, by the aforesaid Rev. They were highly respected and loyal members of the church, exerting a good moral and religious life. He was a practical and industrious farmer, possessed frugal habits of life. He departed this life Nov. 16, 1924, of old age. She is still living. Their home near Apple Creek, Wayne Co., Ohio, was blessed with children as follows:

I—Solomon C. Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Pandora, Ohio.

Solomon C. started life's pathway June 26, 1865. He received baptism and membership into the Mennonite Church Apr. 23, 1886, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. He married Anna Sutter Jan. 8, 1891, Rev. J. Moser officiating. She was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, Jan. 25, 1865, and baptized and

admitted into the Mennonite Church Mar. 23, 1883, by Rev. Moser. He is farming near Pandora, Ohio, where their children were born, namely:

1—Naomi D. Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Pandora, Ohio.

Naomi D. began her life Feb. 2, 1892. She obtained a common education. As a young woman she was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church. She remained single.

2—Elmira R. Baumgartner, Hankinson, Seventh Generation.

Elmira R. entered life Sept. 9, 1893. She obtained a fair education. Church relation is not given. She married Allen J. Hankinson June 25, 1923. He was born in Akron, Ohio. He is a salesman for the McClure Motor Co., at Akron, Ohio. To their home came:

a—Helen June, June 30, 1924, Eighth Generation.

3—Mary L. Baumgartner, Hall, Seventh Generation, Farmers.

Mary L. commenced her life Aug. 1, 1896. She obtained a fair education. No church relation given. She was united in marriage to Frank Hall June 2, 1923. His home was Beaverdam, Ohio. They follow farming. To them came:

a—Richard Jeane, June 29, 1924, Eighth Generation.

4—Alban P. Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Alban P. was born Mar. 15, 1898, and his life closed Jan. 30, 1901.

5—Olin C. Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Olin C. came to this world Feb. 19, 1900. He attended common school. No other word.

6—Hulda Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Hulda was born June 7, 1902, and as a flower six days later, was gone.

7—Almeda Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Almeda entered the race of life May 21, 1905. She has a good education. She is single. Nothing said as to her religious life.

8—Arvella Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Arvella began her life Feb. 23, 1908. She has a good education. Nothing said as to her religious life.

II—Delila Baumgartner, Bixel, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ohio.

Delila began this life Jan. 1, 1867. Her baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church took place Apr. 23, 1886, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. She was

united in marriage to David Bixel Dec. 3, 1891, by Rev. J. Moser. He was born in Allen Co., Ohio, May 26, 1866, and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Apr. 3, 1885, by Rev. M. He is a jeweler in Bluffton, Ohio. Into their family circle at Bluffton, Ohio, came:

1—Dora Bixel, Seventh Generation.

Dora entered the arena of life Mar. 8, 1893. She obtained a good education. She is single. No church relation given.

2—Mildred Bixel, Hartman, Seventh Generation, Glendale, Calif.

Mildred was born June 24, 1895. She has a good education. She married Oscar Hartman Apr. 15, 1922. He was born Dec. 3, 1887, in Lawrence, Kans. He does shopwork in Glendale, Calif. To them was born:

a—Kenneth, Jan. 28, 1923, Eighth Generation.

3—Gordon Bixel, Seventh Generation.

Gordon was initiated to this life Sept. 14, 1896. He obtained a good education. He is single. Nothing further learned of him.

4—Fern Bixel, Seventh Generation.

Fern began life Feb. 1, 1900. She attended the public schools. She is yet single. Nothing further heard of her.

III—William Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Laborer.

William began this life Sept. 3, 1868. He received baptism and church membership in the Mennonite Church, Apr. 19, 1889, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. He was married to Martha Basinger, Sept. 5, 1893. She was born in Putnam Co., Ohio, Dec. 18, 1869, and received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church, Apr. 23, 1886, by Rev. J. Moser. He has been a day laborer. She died Apr. 29, 1907, of paralysis. He was married a second time to Katie Nussbaum of Adams Co., Ind., Jan. 16, 1910. Two children were born to the first union and four to the second, namely:

1—Alta May Baumgartner, Van Meter, Seventh Generation.

Alta was born at Pandora, Ohio, May 12, 1896. Here she obtained her education. She entered matrimony with Jay Van Meter of Rockport, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1917. He was born May 18, 1887. Nothing said about their religious life. Into their home were born:

a—Infant girl, Jan., 1919, Eighth Generation, died the same day.

b—Junior J., May 28, 1920, Eighth Generation.

c—June, June 18, 1921, Eighth Generation.

Seventh Generation

2—Ivan, Jan. 15, 1906.
3—Reno, Dec. 30, 1910.
4—Alma, Mar. 3, 1912.
5—Homer, July 9, 1913.
6—Harley, Jan. 19, 1919.
Died Oct. 11, 1920.

IV—Jacob Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, 1870-1924.

Jacob began his earthly life May 12, 1870. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nussbaum Mar. 27, 1891. On Jan. 11, 1894 he married Lina Amstutz. She was born Nov. 15, 1867, and received baptism and admittance into the Mennonite Church by the aforesaid Rev., Apr. 3, 1885. He was a day laborer. He was summoned into the beyond June 15, 1924. This union was blessed with:

1—David Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

David entered the pathway of life Sept. 6, 1894, in Wayne Co., Ohio. Here he received his education and probably joined the Mennonite Church as a young man. He entered married life with Minnie Steiner of Marshallville, Ohio, Dec. 7, 1918. She was born May 19, 1894. To their family circle came:

a—Ivan J., Sept. 21, 1919, Eighth Generation.
b—Edna, Aug. 20, 1924, Eighth Generation.

V—Clara Baumgartner, Steiner, Sixth Generation, Orrville, Ohio.

Clara entered this life Feb. 18, 1872. She received a district schooling. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nussbaum, Mar. 27, 1891, of which she has been a loyal member. She married David Steiner Nov. 25, 1910. He was born Feb. 27, 1859, at Orrville, Ohio. To them was born:

1—Alice, Nov. 5, 1910, Seventh Generation.

VI—David Baumgartner, Sixth Generation.

David was born Apr. 12, 1874, and died of spinal and brain fever Feb. 15, 1878.

VII—Rosa Baumgartner, Sixth Generation.

Rosa began life May 23, 1876. She was baptized and admitted to the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nussbaum Mar. 23, 1894. She is a faithful member of the church. She is at home and unmarried.

VIII—Peter Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Farmer, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Peter's earthly career began Sept. 12, 1878. He only attended district school. He was baptized and admitted into the rites of the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nussbaum, Apr. 16, 1897. Farming has been his voca-

tion. He married Katie Martin of Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 2, 1906, Bishop I. Buchwalter officiating. She was born in Elkhart Co., Ind., Aug. 9, 1881, and joined the Mennonite Church in her youth. She died Nov. 22, 1911. He married a second time, choosing Lizzie Thut, of Allen Co., Ohio, June 5, 1913. She was born Dec. 28, 1881. To these two unions were born two children to each union, namely:

Seventh Generation

1—Ruth, Oct. 5, 1907.
2—Edith, Sept. 8, 1908.
3—Bernice, Feb. 1, 1917.
4—Esther, Oct. 1, 1925.

IX—Katharina Baumgartner, Shoup, Sixth Generation.

Katharina entered this life June 27, 1880. She received a common school education. The rite of baptism was administered upon her by Rev. J. Nussbaum Mar. 31, 1899, when she was also admitted to church. She married Wm. F. Shoup, Jan. 1, 1903, Rev. I. Buchwalter officiating. He was born in Holmes Co., Ohio, Aug. 12, 1881, where he was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church May, 1897, by Rev. I. B. He followed farming. To their family circle came:

Seventh Generation

1—Gladys, Feb. 11, 1904.
Died, July 31, 1908.
2—Elma, Feb. 18, 1906.
3—Lloyd, Sept. 12, 1907.
4—Ada, Sept. 1, 1909.
5—Clayton, Nov. 7, 1911.
6—Erma, Aug. 3, 1913.
7—Dorotha, Feb. 12, 1917.
8—Orin, Oct. 26, 1919.
9—Melvin, Feb. 8, 1921.

X—Martha Baumgartner, Falb, Sixth Generation, Mt. Eaton, Ohio.

Martha entered this life May 20, 1882. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church Apr. 15, 1900, by Rev. J. Nussbaum. She has a common school education. She entered matrimony with David Falb, Sept. 12, 1907. He was born in Mt. Eaton, Ohio, June 5, 1882. He is a farmer. Into their home came:

Seventh Generation

1—Ivan R., July 30, 1908.
2—Effie M., Feb. 2, 1910.
3—Milton G., May 2, 1912.
4—Irene E., May 11, 1915.
5—George E., July 23, 1919.

XI—Naomi Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Oct. 28, 1885, died Apr. 24, 1886.

H—Katharina Baumgartner, Fifth Generation.

Katharina was born Nov. 22, 1840, and died Apr. 2, 1845.

## CHAPTER II.

### Peter Welty, Third Generation, 1797-1869.

Peter was born in 1797. This date was found by a record which reads that he died in 1869 at the age of 72 years. He was a son of Christian Welty, who was the second son of Jacob Welty, ancestor of the relatives in Book III. He was never married. He was a Mennonite and died as such in Wayne Co., Ohio, to which place he came in 1820.

## CHAPTER III.

### Anna Welty, Nussbaumer, Fourth Generation, 1802.

Anna entered this life in Switzerland in 1802, where in her youth she became a member of the Mennonite Church by baptism. She had a fair education. She was united in marriage with Rev. David Nussbaumer. He was born in Switzerland about 1800. They were members of the Kleinthal Society, Amt Münster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, which he served as spiritual advisor until his departure. The time of their death could not be found, but both went to their reward in their native land. They exerted a strong religious influence in the society he served as pastor with true loyalty and devotion to their church. To them were born in Switzerland:

### A---Solomon Nussbaumer, Fifth Generation, 1842-1926.



Solomon Nussbaumer and Parents

Solomon began his earthly life July 2, 1842. He attended German public school at Edvoatum, Switzerland. He was baptized in 1857 and joined the Mennonite Church. In his earlier adult life he taught school. Thereafter he followed farming for 40 years in Wayne Co., Ohio, where he lived until recently. He was married to Katharina Lehman in Switzerland in 1864, a daughter of Ulrich Lehman of Sonnenberg, Switzerland. She was born July 17, 1839. They immigrated to America, and settled in Wayne Co., Ohio, (Sonnenberg)

where was a large Swiss community. She passed to her eternal reward June 21, 1918. He departed Mar. 5, 1926, at the home of his daughter in Toledo. To this union were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:



Solomon Nussbaumer and daughters. Left to right—Seraphine, Dinah, Father, Rose, Ida, and Eliza.

I—John Godfried Nussbaumer, Sixth Generation.

John G. was born Jan. 13, 1869, and passed away Sept. 1, 1870.

II—Rosa Nussbaumer, Howald, Sixth Generation, Toledo, Ohio.

Rosa entered the arena of life Mar. 12, 1879. She obtained a fair education. She entered matrimony with Martin Howald of Hamilton, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1891. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. Jacob Nussbaumer. Her husband was born July 12, 1864. At this time they moved to Toledo, Ohio, where he has been in the employ of the Willys Overland Co. for many years. To them were born in Toledo, Ohio:

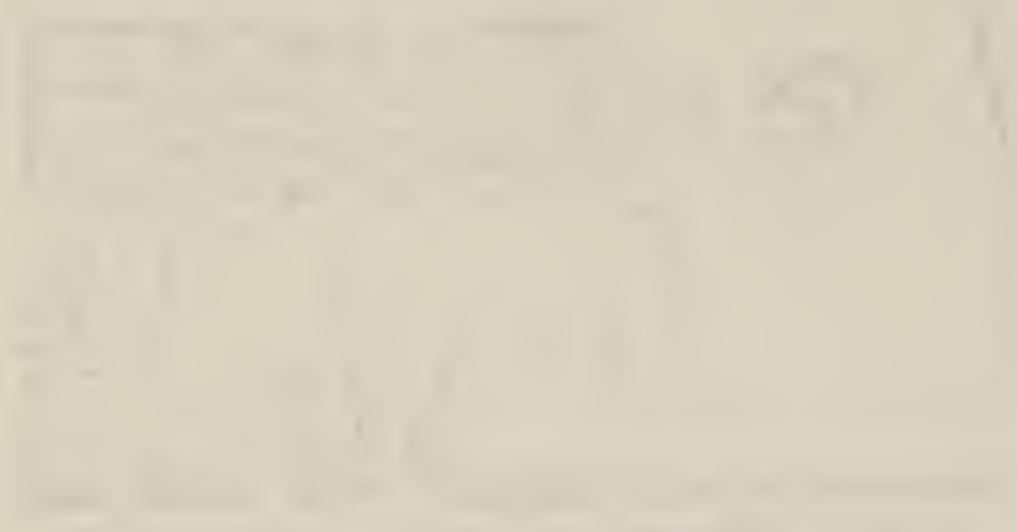
1—John Howald, Seventh Generation, Toledo, Ohio, Accountant.

John came to this world July 20, 1892. He has received a good education in the Toledo schools. From manhood he has been doing office work for the Willys Overland Co., in Toledo, and is at present cost accountant of this Co. He is highly esteemed by this company because of his devotion to his work and capability. During the World War he was called into service and taken to France, where he served as sergeant. He was discharged honorably. Time not given. He entered married life with Edith Sanky of Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1917. Here was born to them:

a—Virginia, Dec. 27, 1923, Eighth Generation.

2—George Howald, Seventh Generation, Toledo, Ohio, Accountant.

George entered the path of life May 8, 1894. He also has a good education, which he received in the Toledo schools. For many years he was an employee of the Willys Overland Co., of Toledo. At present he



is cost accountant of the Dura Mfg. Co., of Toledo, Ohio. He was married to Marie Schinzel of Toledo, Aug. 25, 1915. She was born July 14, 1893. They are the parents of:

a—Robert, July 17, 1920, Eighth Generation.

b—Richard Karl, Jan. 2, 1923, Eighth Generation.

III—Eliza Nussbaumer, Tschantz, Sixth Generation, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Eliza began her active life Dec. 30, 1871. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church (Salem) Apr. 10, 1890, by Rev. A. A. Sommer. She gave her hand in marriage to Wm. P. Tschantz, Dec. 29, 1892, Rev. J. Lehman officiating. For further history of her family, see Book III, Section II, Chapter I, under capital letter A., sketch of Wm. P. Tschantz.

IV—Seraphine Nussbaumer, Hoffstetter, Sixth Generation, Massillon, O.

Seraphine entered this life in Switzerland Oct. 1, 1873. With her parents she came to America, and settled in Wayne Co., Ohio, where she attended common school. As a young woman she was baptized and joined the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, later transferred to the Salem M. Church, near Dalton, Ohio. She was married to Peter P. Hofstetter of Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 16, 1893, where he was born Apr. 14, 1871, and received a common school education. He belongs to her church. He is in the wholesale grocery business in Massillon, Ohio. Before this he farmed. To them were born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

1—Matilda Hoffstetter, Maurer, Seventh Generation, Canton, Ohio.

Matilda entered life's arena, Feb. 28, 1895. She has a common school education. She was by baptism received into the Salem M. Church, June 22, 1913. She married Andrew P. Maurer of Canton, Ohio, May 25, 1915. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 8, 1892. He is a barber. They live in Canton, Ohio.

2—Edna May Hoffstetter, Badertscher, Seventh Generation, Orrville, Ohio.

Edna M. came to be May 11, 1897. She went to common school, and was admitted by baptism into the Salem Mennonite Church, June, 1913. She married Harvey Badertscher, Nov. 12, 1916. He was born Apr. 17, 1891, in Wayne Co., Ohio. He is a truck driver in Orrville, where were born to them:

a—Valeda, Mar. 10, 1919, Eighth Generation.

b—Eleanor, Aug. 10, 1921, Eighth Generation.

c—Wilford, Nov. 22, 1923, Eighth Generation.

3—Sylvia Pearl Hoffstetter, Gerber, Seventh Generation, Canton, Ohio.

Sylvia P. was born May 27, 1901. She attended school at Kidron, Ohio. By baptism she joined the Salem M. Church in 1915. She married Alvin W. Gerber, Jan. 12, 1924. He was born Jan. 3, 1900, in Wayne Co., Ohio. He is a steel worker in Canton, Ohio.

4—Mame L. Hoffstetter, Hofstetter, Seventh Generation, Massillon, Ohio.

Mame L. entered this life June 20, 1903. She attended school at Kidron, Ohio. By baptism she was received into the Salem Mennonite Church Apr. 21, 1916. She married Elmer Hofstetter Feb. 1, 1923. He was born Sept. 27, 1902. He is a restaurant employee in Massillon, Ohio. To them is born:

a—Stanley Forest, Aug. 5, 1923, Eighth Generation.

5—Irvin G. Hoffstetter, Seventh Generation, Hardware Clerk.

Irvin G. was born Aug. 1, 1906. He had common and one year of high school work. He was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church in 1918. He clerks in a hardware store at Massillon, Ohio.

6—Glenn A. Hoffstetter, Seventh Generation.

Glenn A. entered this life Nov. 4, 1908. He went to school at Kidron and Massillon, Ohio. By baptism he was received into the Salem Mennonite Church in 1923. Vocation not chosen.

7—Laurene Velva Hoffstetter, Seventh Generation.

Laurene V. arrived Dec. 21, 1916, and is now in school.

V—Ida Nussbaumer, Kirchhofer, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Ida entered this life Sept. 18, 1875. She has a common school education. By baptism she was admitted into the Salem Mennonite Church at Dalton, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1892, by Rev. J. Lehman. She was united in marriage with Elias E. Kirchhofer Dec. 31, 1896, Rev. J. L. officiating. He was born Dec. 26, 1874. He attended the Normal College at Angola, Ind. He is a contractor and builder. For a few years he was manager of the Dalton Lumber and Supply Co. In 1904 he was assessor of Sugar Creek Tp. in Wayne Co. To them were born:

1—Wilma DeEtta Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation, H. S. Teacher.

Wilma D. was initiated to this life Oct. 5, 1897. She graduated from the Dalton high school in 1916, and from Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, in 1924. She was a member of the College Glee Club while in attendance

there. She taught graded school for four years. She is now for the second year teaching in a high school. She was baptized and united with the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1910, Rev. A. A. Sommer, pastor.

2—Melvin Lester Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation, H. S. Teacher.

Melvin L. entered the toils of life Mar. 17, 1899. He graduated from the Dalton high school in 1918, and from the Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, in 1925. He is now a teacher in a high school. He was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church near Dalton, Ohio, June 22, 1913, by Rev. S. P. Prieheim. A bright future is before him.

3—Ellis Glen Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation, Hardware Business.

Ellis G. entered the struggles of life May 4, 1901. He, too, graduated from the Dalton high school in 1920. He is now in the hardware business. He received baptism and reception into the Salem Mennonite Church Nov. 27, 1913, by Rev. S. P. Prieheim.

4—Ethel Elvina Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation, Teacher.

Ethel E. commenced her earthly journey July 6, 1903. She graduated from the Dalton high school in 1923. She has one year of college work at Bluffton, Ohio, and was a member of the College Glee Club. She is now teaching school. The rite of baptism and membership into the Salem Mennonite Church was granted her by Rev. A. W. Sommer Mar. 29, 1918.

5—Clair Daniel Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation.

Clair D. made his debut in life Feb. 5, 1906. He graduated from the Dalton high school in 1925. He is now a student in Bluffton College. He was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church Oct., 1920, by Rev. M. A. Niswander.

6—George Allen Kirchhofer, Seventh Generation.

George A. entered the trials of life Nov. 22, 1909. He is now attending the Dalton high school. He was baptized and received as a member of the Salem Mennonite Church, Oct, 1922, by Rev. M. A. Niswander.

VI—Matilda Nussbaumer, Sixth Generation.

Matilda was born Nov. 4, 1876, and departed Jan. 13, 1881.

VII—Dina Nussbaumer, Schneck, Sixth Generation, Canton, Ohio, 1939 Maple Avenue.

Dina came on the scene of action Nov. 14, 1878. She has a fair education. She was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church in

1894. She entered the marriage bond with D. S. Schneck at Canton, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1896, at the Mennonite Church. He was born on Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 5, 1875, where he also was baptized and received into the Salem Mennonite Church, in 1892. His occupation is factory work at Timpkin Roller-Bearing Plant, Canton, Ohio. They were farmers until 1916, when they moved to Canton, where he has worked at different trades up to three years ago, when he began factory work. They are now members of the Reformed Church in Canton. To them were born near Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio:

1—Alvin Schneck, Seventh Generation, Akron, Ohio, Fireman.

Alvin was born Apr. 21, 1899. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church in 1916. Later he joined the Reformed Church in Canton. He was married to Bernice Nussbaum Mar. 26, 1925. He is fireman at the Goodrich Rubber Plant, Akron, Ohio. He is a township school graduate.

2—Homer Schneck, Seventh Generation, Canton, Ohio, Loader.

Homer was born Apr. 29, 1901. Baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1916. He is now a member of the Reformed Church in Canton. He is a loader at the United Alley Steel Co. He is a township school graduate.

3—Effie Schneck, Homer, Seventh Generation, Canton, Ohio.

Effie was born Nov. 15, 1904. She was baptized into the Mennonite Church in 1918. Now she is a member of the Reformed Church in Canton, Ohio. She married P. R. Homer Nov. 14, 1922. He is a Pa. R. R. conductor. She is a township and Orrville high school graduate. To them were born:

a—Ethel Ilene, Oct. 27, 1923, Eighth Generation.

b—John Russel, Aug. 18, 1925, Eighth Generation.

4—Vernon Schneck, Seventh Generation, Quantico, Va.

Vernon was born June 28, 1908. He is a township school graduate. He was baptized in the Reformed Church in 1922. He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps in 1924, and is stationed at Quantico, Va.

## CHAPTER IV.

Christina Welty, Sommer, Fourth Generation, 1805-1892, Minister's Wife.

Christina was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, June 11, 1805, a daughter of Christian and granddaughter of Jacob Welty, the ancestral

branch on the Ulrich Welty trunk. She was wedded to Rev. Ulrich Sommer, June 23, 1834. He was born May 17, 1790, also in Canton Bern, S. She died Aug. 20, 1892, 87 years, 3 months and 9 days old. They both became members of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio, where he was made a minister July 8, 1827, and was ordained as Bishop May 15. He continued in this capacity until his death May 14, 1880, age 89 years, 11 months, and 27 days. This is evidence of his ability as a Mennonite minister, and of his loyalty to the doctrine and polity of the church. He maintained a good and consistent ecclesiastical standing amidst the people of his faith to his end. They came to America in 1824, when others of their relatives and other Swiss people came here and located in Wayne Co., Ohio. The name "Sonnenberg" in Wayne Co., Ohio, derived the name from the place of this name in Switzerland, from where the people came here. Here were born to them three sons who died in infancy, and two daughters Anna and Magdalena, abbreviated Mattie.

### A—Anna Sommer, Amstutz, Fifth Generation, 1837-85.

Anna was born on Sonnenberg, Paint Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 23, 1837. Here she received some district school training probably in English and German. When a young woman she was baptized and initiated into the Sonnenberg, or Swiss Mennonite Church. She entered married life with Samuel S. Amstutz, in the church named, Mar. 27, 1861, her father most likely officiating. He was born in Switzerland, June 3, 1835. Year of his arrival in America not learned. She departed this life Aug. 17, 1885, and he June 1, 1915. To this union were born:

### I and II—Joel S. and Caroline Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Joel S. and Caroline were born twins Dec. 28, 1863. Both obtained district school education. And in youth both became members of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Joel was united in marriage with Mary Bixler, Nov. 11, 1889. She (Joel's wife) passed away Oct. 28, 1921, 55 years, 3 months and 27 days old. To Joel's were born near Dalton, Ohio:

1—One son, who died in infancy.

2—One daughter, who died in infancy.

### 3—Gideon H. Amstutz, Seventh Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Gideon H. was born Sept. 24, 1890. He received graded school education. He was baptized and admitted into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, Apr. 17, 1908. He was married to Caroline Amstutz, Sept. 21, 1920, in the church. She was born Mar. 4, 1896, and was baptized and joined the same church he did, Mar. 21, 1913. To them were born:

a—Pauline Anna, July 10, 1921, Eighth Generation.

b—Milton Henry, Feb. 12, 1923, Eighth Generation.

c—Nathan Amos, Oct. 11, 1924, Eighth Generation.

4—Elmer J. Amstutz, Seventh Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Elmer J. entered the race of life Nov. 11, 1892. He received graded school training. He was baptized and initiated into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Mar., 1909. He was married to Etta M. Steiner Dec. 15, 1917. She was born Apr. 18, 1895, and baptized and taken into the same church he was, May, 1908. To them were born near Dalton, Ohio:

a—Arthur Lee, May 1, 1920, Eighth Generation.

b—Arlin Glenn, July 27, 1922, Eighth Generation.

c—Son and daughter. Died in infancy.

5—Irwin J. Amstutz, Seventh Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Irwin J. was born June 25, 1894. He obtained a rural school education. By baptism he was initiated into his parents' church, Mar., 1909. He is yet single.

6—Alice M. Amstutz, Seventh Generation, Dalton, Ohio.

Alice M. entered this life Jan. 2, 1896. She has a rural school education. She is yet at home. She was baptized and admitted into her parents' church Mar., 1909.

7—Adam J. Amstutz, Seventh Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Adam J. entered the struggle of life Nov. 25, 1897. He obtained a rural school education. He was initiated by baptism into the Mennonite Church as a young man. He married a Miss Sprunger. She was born Nov. 9, 1889. To them were born:

a—Rose Marie, June 19, 1920, Eighth Generation.

b—Celia Mae, Dec. 15, 1922, Eighth Generation.

8—Carolyn Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Carolyn was born Mar. 27, 1901. She attended rural school. She was baptized and received into her parents' church as a young woman.

9—Lina V. Amstutz, Eberly, Seventh Generation, Farmers, Dalton, Ohio.

Lina V. entered this life Feb. 16, 1904. She obtained a fair education. By baptism she was initiated into her parents' church as a young woman. She married Daniel Eberly Feb. 21, 1925. He was born Oct. 25, 1896. They are farming.

II—Caroline Amstutz, Bixler, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Orrville, Ohio.

Caroline, twin sister to Joel, was born Dec. 28, 1863. Married to Wm. Bixler May 9, 1893. He was born Mar. 10, 1865. They evidently belong to the Mennonite Church. To them were born:

1—Calvin Bixler, Seventh Generation.

Calvin came into being Mar. 14, 1894. He had good school advantages. He married Leah Koons June 20, 1923. To them was born:

a—Vivian Ruth, June 22, 1925, Eighth Generation.

2—Dale Bixler, Seventh Generation.

Dale entered life's pathway Dec. 3, 1898. He had good school privileges. He united in marriage with Celesta Smucker May 28, 1924. They are the parents of:

a—David Wm., Feb. 19, 1926, Eighth Generation.

3—Elma Bixler, Seventh Generation, born Dec. 18, 1903. No other word.

III—Daniel S. Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Dalton, Ohio, Farmer.

Daniel S. began the toils in life Aug. 9, 1865, near Dalton, Ohio, where he also received his education. By baptism he became a member of the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. He entered matrimony with Elizabeth Bixler Nov. 22, 1890. She was born Nov. 28, 1864. She also was baptized and received into the same church as he was. They live on a farm near Dalton, Ohio, where to them are born:

1—Albert Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Albert was born Feb. 4, 1892. He has a country school education. He is yet single. As a young man he was baptized and received into his parents' church.

2—Ella Amstutz, Sprunger, Seventh Generation, Farmers.

Ella was initiated to this life Nov. 12, 1893. She obtained a rural school education. Through baptism she became a member of her parents' church. She united in marriage with Omer Sprunger Mar. 25, 1920. He was born Nov. 24, 1893. He, too, is a member of the Mennonite Church. To them are born:

a—Ira Dwight, May 22, 1921, Eighth Generation.

b—Leora Ruth, Aug. 17, 1922, Eighth Generation.

c—Martha Elizabeth, Feb. 22, 1924, Eighth Generation.

3—Annie Amstutz, Gerber, Seventh Generation, Farmers.

Annie began her voyage of life, Mar. 3, 1897. She has a graded school education. She was baptized and became a member of her parents' church as a young woman. She married Elam Gerber, Aug. 20, 1921. He was born Oct. 17, 1898. He is a farmer. To them has come:

a—Kenneth Wayne, Apr. 16, 1924, Eighth Generation.

4—Sarah Amstutz, Gerber, Seventh Generation, Farmers.

Sarah came into being May 1, 1899. She has a fair education. In womanhood she was baptized and admitted into her parents' church. She married George Gerber of Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 3, 1921. He is a farmer. To them were born:

a—Cletus Glen, Sept. 23, 1921, Eighth Generation.

b—Vernon Lee, Feb. 13, 1923, Eighth Generation.

IV—Simon Amstutz, Sixth Generation, Farmers, Apple Creek, Ohio.

Simon entered this life near Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio, July 15, 1871. He has a rural school education. By baptism he was initiated into the Sonnenberg Mennonite Church in the spring of 1891. He was married to Fannie Bixler, Dec. 2, 1893. She was born Aug. 15, 1874, and baptized and taken into the same church he was in the spring of 1892. They are farmers, and respected citizens and church members. To their home came:

1—Harvey Amstutz, Seventh Generation.

Harvey was born near Apple Creek, Ohio, July 13, 1899. He has a graded school education. He was baptized and received into his parents' church Apr. 6, 1917. He is yet single.

B—Magdalena Sommer, Baumgartner, Fifth Generation, 1843 1914.

Magdalena was born on Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 9, 1843 Here she attended district school. When a young woman she was baptized and united with her parents' church, and remained faithful to the church until her departure Mar. 31, 1914. She married Benjamin Baumgartner, son of Rev. Christian Baumgartner, Vera Cruz, Ind., on Oct. 5, 1863. In November of this year she moved with him to Wells Co., Ind., near Vera Cruz, but in Nov., 1867, they moved back to Wayne Co., Ohio. In Oct., 1874, they moved to Wadsworth, Medina Co., Ohio. In Apr., 1892, they changed to Bluffton, Allen Co., Ohio, and in Mar., 1895, to Adams Co, Ind., and then in 1901 to Bluffton, Ind., where they have since lived. Here she died, holding her membership in Berne, Ind. They

lived an unassuming Christian life. He farmed part of his time, but when they moved to the last named place, he labored in the Bluffton Windmill Co. To them were born:

### I—Anna Christina Baumgartner, Sixth Generation.

Anna C. was born in Wells Co., Ind., July 18, 1866, and died three days later.

### II—Prof. Gideon Ulrich Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, County School Superintendent, 1867-1924.

Gideon U. commenced his eventful life near Vera Cruz, Wells Co., Ind., June 24, 1867. As a youth he aspired to a good education and availed himself of the opportunities that came his way to obtain it. Reaching young manhood he obtained a license to teach, and taught his first school at Chippewa Lake, O. He received his main part of education in Oberlin College, although he completed his college work in 1912 at Wooster College where he obtained his Ph. D. degree. He received his State License in 1905. Following his school trainin g at Oberlin, Ohio, he became school superintendent at Sterling, later at Seville, and then went to Shreve, serving in that capacity at that place for five years. While he was teaching and superintending school at the last place the present school law went into effect, creating the position of County Superintendent. He was elected as the first man to hold this position, which he held almost ten years, when he met his tragical death at Creston, Ohio, at 5:22 a. m., Apr. 26, 1924, when he was instantly killed by a B. & O. freight train that caught him in his Ford coupe as he was crossing the track, litterally cutting him to pieces. His position as Co. Supt. would have expired in Aug., and following the selection of his successor he received numerous offers of schools. He was recognized by many, who worked with him, as one of the hardest working county superintendents in the state, and one of the most successful ones. Of him it was said, "His work in Wayne Co. in the matter of building up the school system will have its effect through a period of a hundred years. He was on the go day and night, rain or shine, summer and winter. He never spared himself and only a rugged constitution enabled him to stand up under the exposure to which he subjected himself."

His effort was to constantly better the Wayne County schools, he encouraged competitive athletics and school contests in spelling, thus developing a high standard of proficiency in his county. The same friendly rivalry was carried through debating and oratory branches of

school work. He put up 14 new high school buildings in the county during his administration. In all Gideon taught and superintended schools for 33 years. He was a member of the Wooster Rotary Club, Wooster Masonic Lodge, Chapter and Council. A member of the Schoolmaster Club, and director of the Wayne County Agricultural Society.

While teaching school at Chippewa, Ohio, he met Miss Della Koppes, to whom he was married Mar. 29, 1893. She was born in Medina Co, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1868. He was first a member of the Mennonite Church, but later transferred his membership to the Presbyterian Church, and was an Elder in the Wooster Presbyterian Church at the time of his death. He also had been S. S. Supt. in this church, and a member of the Church Session. To this union was born:

1—Harold Koppes Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Cleveland, Ohio, Chemist.

Harold was born in Seville, Ohio, June 28, 1895. He graduated in a high school and in the Ohio University, Columbus, Ohio, where he is now employed as a chemist. He is still single and lives with his mother in this city. He no doubt is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

III—Sarah Matilda Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ind., Dressmaker.

Sarah M. entered upon the pathway of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 19, 1869. She obtained a good education. When a young woman she was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, but after moving to Bluffton, Ind., in 1901, she united here, by transfer, to the Reformed Church, where she has taken active part in S. S. and C. E. work. She is a professional dressmaker, which occupation she has followed since she has been a young woman. She walks the single path of life.

IV—Israel Jacob Baumgartner, Rolla, Mo., Photographer.

Israel J. entered life's vicissitudes in Wayne Co., Ohio, Aug. 7, 1870. Besides public schools he attended the Bluffton, Ohio, high school, and three years of Normal School work at Wadsworth, Ohio. Later he learned the art of photography in Bluffton, Ind., in the Benj. Ashbaucher studio, where he studied three years. Then he moved to Markle, Huntington Co., Ind., where he remained a number of years as owner of a gallery. He is now photographer in Rolla, Mo., doing a profitable business. He was united in marriage with Arnettie Reese, Jan. 11, 1898. She was born in Bluffton, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1871. They were both respected

members of the First Reformed Church in Bluffton, Indiana, until in 1906, when they transferred their membership to the M. E. Church in Markle, Ind. To this union were born:

1—Earl Reese Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Rolla, Mo., Photographer.

Earl R. came into existence May 23, 1899. He was in high school at Rolla, Mo. He took up the study of photography with his father and is now in that business with father.

2—Irene Easter Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Irene E. was born Apr. 7, 1901, and was plucked for heaven July 7, 1902.

3—Benjamin Kent Baumgartner, Seventh Generation, Rolla, Mo.

Benj. K., commonly called Kent, was born in Bluffton, Ind., July 27, 1902. Having gone through the graded school, he graduated from the Rolla high school. He is yet single. He is engaged in the taxi line business, likely at Rolla, Mo.

V—Lovina Jane Baumgartner, Johnson, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ind.

Lovina J. was born in Mt. Eaton, Ohio, Oct. 11, 1874. She received a high school education in Wadsworth, Ohio. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1895, and into the First Reformed Church in Bluffton, Ind., in 1905, where she is an acceptable member, participating in the church activities. She married Roscoe Johnson, Dec. 18, 1919, at Bluffton, Ind., where he was born Aug. 6, 1869.

VI—Rachel Alma Baumgartner, Sixth Generation.

Rachel A. was born Feb. 10, 1875, and departed this life 11 days later.

VII—Ida Caroline Baumgartner, Oldfather, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ind.

Ida C. entered the arena of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 24, 1876. Besides public school and high school she attended the Wadsworth Normal School for three years. Her marriage with John T. Oldfather occurred Dec. 4, 1898. He was born in Rockcreek, Wells Co., Ind., 1875, where they reside on their farm. Both are members of the St. Paul Reformed Church in Rockcreek Tp. Here were born to them:

1—Donald Michael Oldfather, Seventh Generation.

Donald M. entered this life Dec. 23, 1901. After finishing the schools at home he attended the Heidelberg University, Reformed Church Insti-

tution, in Tiffin, Ohio, where he graduated. He is a member of the Reformed Church. He was united in marriage with Minnie Stewart of Tiffin, Ohio. To their home came:

a—Enid Annette, Jan. 5, 1922, Eighth Generation.

### 2—Robert Benjamin Baumgartner, Seventh Generation.

Robert B. was born Mar. 3, 1903. After completing the schools at home he attended the Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, where he graduated. He is still single. He belongs to the Reformed Church.

### 3—Magdalena Ruth Oldfather, Seventh Generation.

Magdalena R. was born Aug. 19, 1915. She is now in the graded school.

### VIII—Cyrus Baumgartner, Sixth Generation, Bluffton, Ind.

Cyrus was born in Milton Tp., Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 14, 1878. He attended the high school in Bluffton, Ohio. He has been a successful salesman in the Leader Store, Bluffton, Ind. In 1897 he united with the Mennonite Church when he was baptized. But when he became a resident of Bluffton, Ind., he joined the First Reformed Church here. He was marrid to Alta E. Callihan of Geneva, Ind., Sept. 6, 1919, where she was born July 27, 1883.

### IX—Susanna Mary Baumgartner, Goodrich, Sixth Generation, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Susanna M. started her life's journey where Cyrus did, Jan. 31, 1881. She was a graduate of the Bluffton high school in 1900. Then she became a clerk in the W. Evans & Winter's Drygoods Store of Bluffton, Ind. She is a member of the First Reformed Church here. She married Erving H. Goodrich at Birmingham, Alabama, Aug. 15, 1921. They are now living in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## CHAPTER V.

### Katharina Welty, Lehman, Fourth Generation, 1807—

Katharina came to this world in Canton Bern, Switzerland, about 1807, where she obtained her German education. When a young woman she was by baptism initiated into the Mennonite Church remaining faithful to the end of her pilgrimage. Time of her death has not been found. She was united in marriage with Ulrich Lehman of Mt. Bautier, Stierenberg, near Tramelan. Time not known. To them was born:

### A—Abraham Lehman, Fifth Generation, 1828-1883

Abraham was born Aug. 26, 1828, at Mt. Bautier, where his parents then lived. He was reared in Switzerland. He obtained a fair education. As a young man, by baptism, he became a member of the Mennonite Church, remaining faithful to the tenets of his faith to the end. He was married to Katharina Amstutz, Oct. 30, 1852, of Lasanie, at Bellelay at Bernese Jura, Switzerland. She was born May 22, 1828. She was a sister to John Amstutz, father of John L. Amstutz of Apple Creek, Ohio. He died May 14, 1883, in Insel Hospital in Bern, Switzerland, with a cancer on his tongue. His father also died of cancer in Switzerland. She died at her son Louis in Canton, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1907. To them were born at Mt. Bauteir, Stierenberg, by Saicourt, Amt Münster, Canton Bern, Switzerland:

I—John U., Aug. 1, 1853, Sixth Generation, died Feb. 1, 1877, unmarried.

II—Anna E., Aug. 18, 1857, Sixth Generation, died Dec. 15, 1904. She was married to Cesar Monard of French Switzerland. She had two sons, Marcel and Albert, who later came to America, settling in Canton, Ohio, where they died.

III—Abraham Louis Lehman, Sixth Generation, Canton, Ohio.

Abraham L. entered this life May 8, 1860. He had a country school training. He gave no further report of his life.

IV—Katharina E. was born Mar. 27, 1863. She died Mar. 2, 1884, likely unmarried.

## CHAPTER VI.

### Magdalena Welty, Fourth Generation.

Magdalena was born about 1809. She was the youngest daughter of Christian Welty. She was born in Switzerland, Canton Bern. She never married. She came to America. Time not known. She was an honored member of the Mennonite Church of Sonnenberg, Wayne Co., Ohio, where she departed this life.

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